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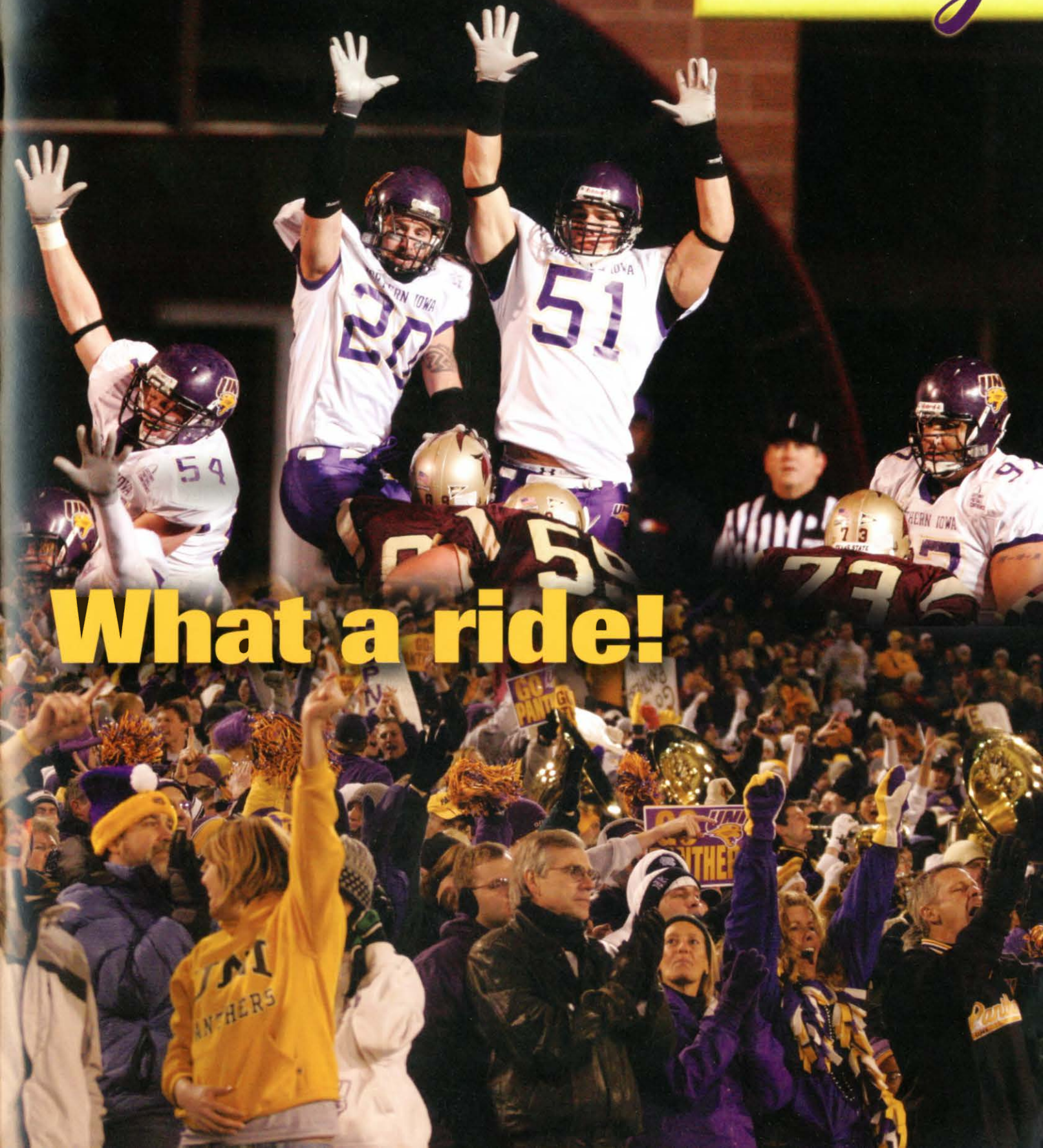
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What a ride!



To alumni, students, faculty and staff of UNI and the entire Cedar Valley community:

As a graduate of UNI I have always believed that we as alumni have a unique sense of pride toward our university. That pride was never more evident than on December 16, 2005, the day of our national championship game in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Prior to the game I was asked to speak at the pep rally held in a pavilion close to the stadium. I will always remember that moment because for me it displayed all the emotions of pride and accomplishment of our program and our university.

I wish every alum could have stood on that stage with me as I addressed the thousands of purple-clad fans cheering a deafening chant of 'U-N-I...U-N-I!'

I wish every alum could have seen how our community and state rallied together to display the pride of its association with our university.

And I wish we all could have seen our alumni from across the country pull out the old sweatshirts and UNI apparel so that they could wear their school colors to work, take pride in their university's accomplishments and show everyone where they came from.

At that moment, on the national stage, we were all winners!

Our season was defined by a group of players that showed a resilience that could break down barriers of extreme odds, a work ethic and determination that would prepare them for success, and pride for who they played for as much as who they played with.

These are all the same qualities of every alum of the University of Northern Iowa. This was our day to show the country those qualities and our passion for UNI.

Thank you for making the 2005 season a ride to remember.

Mark Farley

Mark Farley
Head Coach
UNI Panther Football



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The Cover: Top: An all-out effort against Texas State by UNI defenders John Hermann (54), Tanner Varner (20) and Justin Kirk (51). **Bottom:** Enthusiastic fans cheer on the Panthers at the championship game in Chattanooga.

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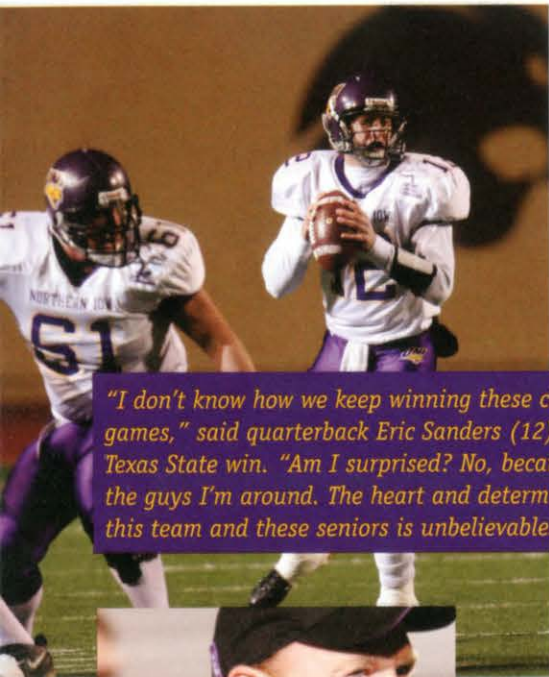
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What a ride!

by Doug Newhoff
Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier



"I don't know how we keep winning these close games," said quarterback Eric Sanders (12) after the Texas State win. "Am I surprised? No, because I know the guys I'm around. The heart and determination of this team and these seniors is unbelievable."

Footballs bounce in mysterious and unpredictable ways.

They turn left when those in pursuit turn right. They go backward when logic dictates they should go forward. They spin, skip, skid and squirt around the field just out of reach. But sometimes, a team wraps its hands around the pigskin and refuses to let go until there is no more football to be played.

Meet the 2005 University of Northern Iowa Panthers, who took the university, the Cedar Valley and the entire state

for a white-knuckle ride with more twists and turns than one of Brad Penrith's wrestlers.

From the UNI-Dome to Bowling Green, Ky., Durham, N.H., San Marcos,

Texas and Chattanooga, Tenn., Panther pride played long and loud during a remarkable 11-4 season that nearly culminated with the program's first NCAA Division I-AA national championship.

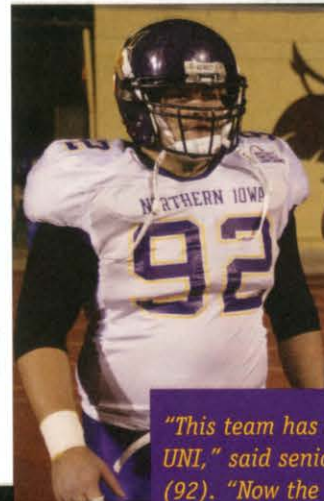
Fifth-ranked Appalachian State

(12-3) ruined that dream, 21-16, on a chilly Dec. 16 night in Chattanooga, but success cannot always be measured on the scoreboard.

The 2005 Panthers rallied from a 4-3 record with seven straight wins to reach the I-AA finals. In five of those games, UNI rallied from fourth-quarter deficits to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Two games went to overtime. The Panthers won their first ever quarterfinal playoff game on the road against No. 1-ranked

New Hampshire. Then they broke down the semifinal barrier after five previous attempts by winning a shootout at Texas State.

It was a season that was occasionally chaotic, often

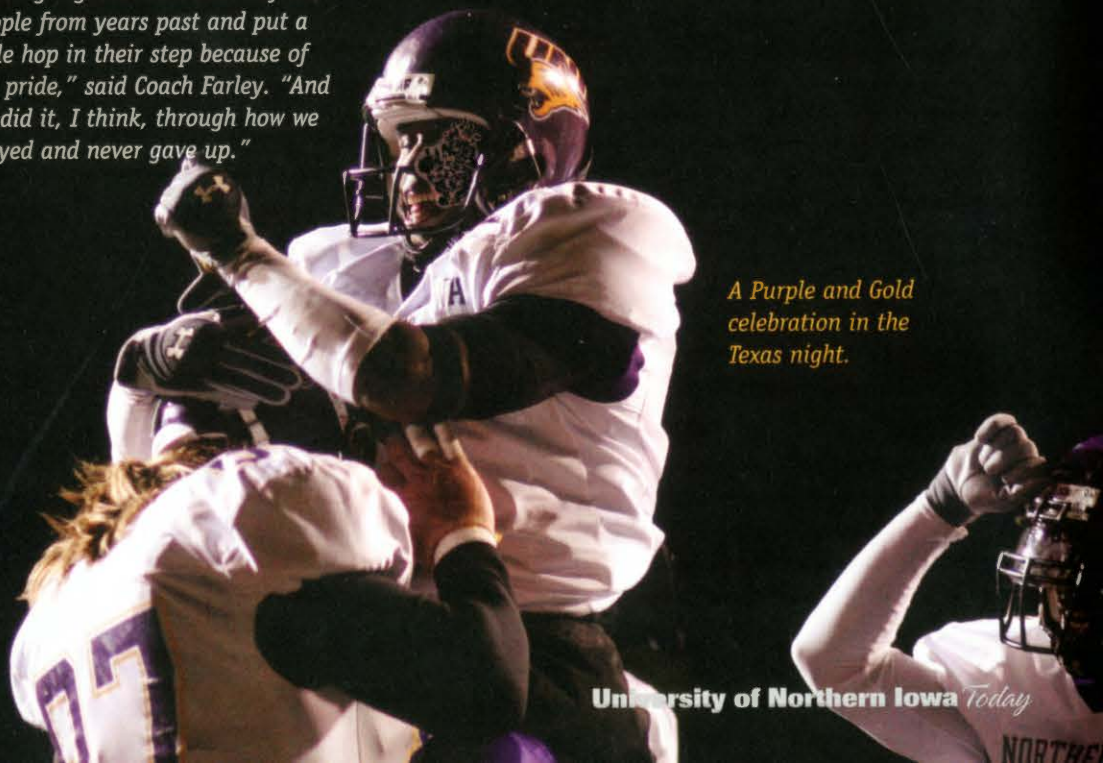


"This team has raised the bar at UNI," said senior Kevin Stensrud (92). "Now the next step is to win the national championship."

"Through football, we got a chance to bring together thousands of UNI people from years past and put a little hop in their step because of the pride," said Coach Farley. "And we did it, I think, through how we played and never gave up."



A Purple and Gold celebration in the Texas night.



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exhilarating, sometimes unbelievable and always unforgettable.

It was a season that served as a testament to a team's will to succeed and the determination of 18 dedicated seniors.

It was a season that validated the Panthers' considerable gridiron tradition, which includes 12 postseason berths in 20 years at the I-AA level.

It was a season that more than once brought tears to the eyes of fifth-year head coach Mark Farley, a 1986 UNI

graduate and former all-American linebacker.

Most of all, it was a season that brought a campus, the communities of Cedar Falls and Waterloo, and a state together like no other. Only coach Eldon Miller's 1989-90 men's basketball team that upset Missouri in UNI's first NCAA Division I tournament can compare.

The road to Chattanooga

UNI's season began with routs over Division I-AA non-scholarship Drake and Division II Minnesota-Duluth. Game three took the Panthers to Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City where they made a solid showing in a 45-21 defeat. The Gateway Conference season opened with a 41-24 win at Western Illinois, but UNI stumbled at Missouri State, dropping a 24-21 decision and losing sophomore quarterback Eric Sanders to a severe high ankle sprain.

With their offensive leader out

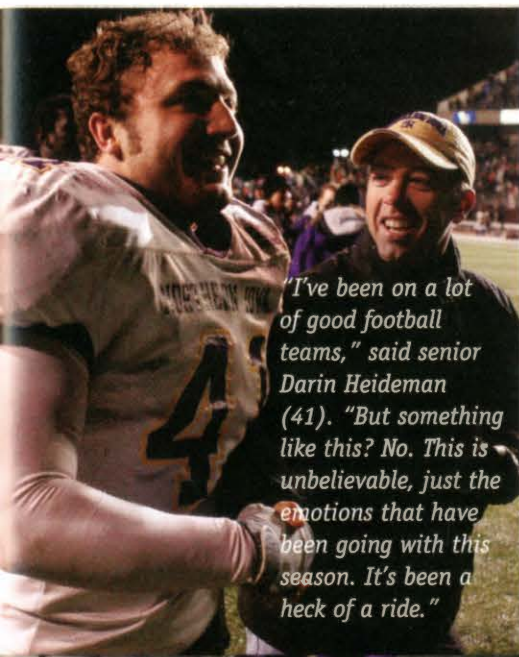
UNI Athletic Director Rick Hartzell presents Panther Head Coach Mark Farley and his players with the 2005 Gateway Conference Championship trophy, before 13,000 fans at halftime of the UNI-Iowa basketball game.



of action, the Panthers took care of struggling Indiana State at home, but hit bottom the following week in a 38-3 loss at Illinois State. It was UNI's most lopsided Gateway defeat ever, and it didn't sit well with the Panthers.

"We had a team meeting the next day," said Sanders. "We said we had to take each week like a playoff game from there and just win each game. We all just pulled together and had this sense of urgency and we got it going."

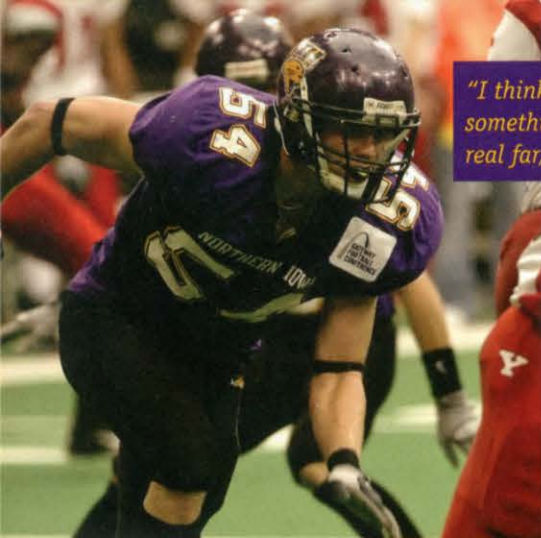
The goal, Farley added, was to go from worst to first, and not just first in the Gateway. The Panthers nearly pulled it off. They handled 11th-ranked Youngstown State, 21-7, in the Dome, then won 23-20 in double-overtime at sixth-ranked Western Kentucky.



"I've been on a lot of good football teams," said senior Darin Heideman (41). "But something like this? No. This is unbelievable, just the emotions that have been going with this season. It's been a heck of a ride."

There was electricity in the UNI-Dome November 12 when the Panthers came from behind to beat Southern Illinois 25-24. "The Dome was the difference," Coach Farley said.





"I think it shows that if you set your heart on something and play with your heart, it will take you real far," noted senior John Hermann (54).

put together a team like this without any superstars, but with guys who were always there for you and believed in each other. It's a special group."

The bandwagon swells

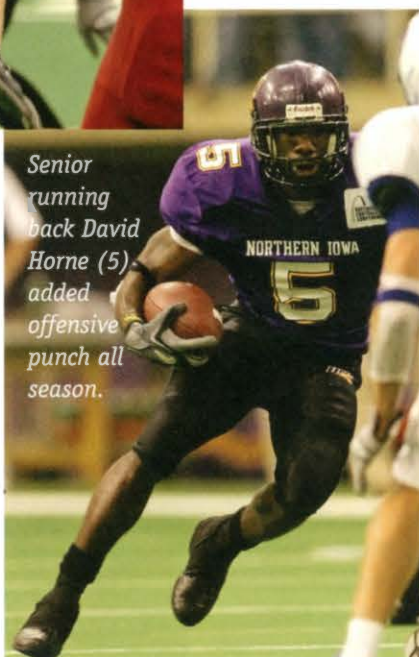
While the fans will remember the players and the plays that made the 2005 team special, the Panthers will remember the fans, as well. Nearly 16,000 packed the Dome for the Southern Illinois game and willed UNI to victory. The crowd for the first-round playoff game against Eastern Washington was no less important to the outcome.

The support and enthusiasm continued to grow through wins at New Hampshire and Texas State. And once the Panthers had earned their spot

in the national championship game, the entire state had taken notice.

"I went grocery shopping and I was stopped three or four times by people I didn't even know saying congratulations,

Senior running back David Horne (5) added offensive punch all season.



They beat No. 4 Southern Illinois 25-24 in the UNI-Dome to clinch a share of the Gateway title and the league's automatic playoff berth. After a rout of Northern Arizona in the regular-season finale, the playoffs featured dramatic wins over Eastern Washington (41-38), New Hampshire (24-21) and Texas State in overtime (40-37).

Farley had a feeling about his Panthers all along. "I think it's the most quality team that you could put together," said Farley. "When I say a team, it was 56 guys who stepped up, put together a run and beat many teams, and we had to do it on the road. It's hard to

and that they're rooting for us," said Stensrud. "It's awesome, knowing your whole community is behind you and they're excited. I'm just proud to be part of this team. It's fun to represent UNI the way the community wants."

When the Panthers left for Chattanooga, hundreds of fans gathered at the airport to see them off. From there, the UNI faithful converged on Chattanooga. An estimated 9,000 were in the stands for the game.

A couple of hours before the Panthers took the field in Chattanooga, President Koob addressed several thousand amped-up fans gathered in a pavilion outside Finley Stadium. A few minutes later, the crowd erupted again when Farley stepped to the podium.

In the end, the Panthers didn't get everything they wanted. An outstanding Appalachian State team saw to that as it rallied from a 16-7 deficit in the second half. And while hindsight may be 21-16 in many eyes, it will also show a UNI football team unlike any other.

"I said all along that this team was special," Farley said. **UNI Today Online Extra**

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Panther captains Brian Cutright (87), Darin Heideman (41), Kevin Stensrud (92) and Justin Surrency (18) take the field for the coin toss at Texas State.



Purple Together, Purple for Life

by Denton Ketels

January 3 marked the beginning of a new work year for many people. For Nancy Justis, assistant athletic director for athletic media relations, it was the beginning of a new life—one in which for the first time in 30 years, she would concern herself with something other than UNI Athletics 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

People close to college athletics are keenly aware of the all-consuming demands on the life of a sports information director (SID), which was Justis' title for the bulk of her career. Day in and day out, her job was to make sure the public knew all about the fun and glory of a two-hour athletic contest. What they never saw was the massive advance work, follow-up and seat time that came with every single game.

That a woman should be running the information machine behind a college sports program may not be huge news in 2006, but from the mid '70s on, Justis was a true pioneer. In the early '80s, the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) reported that she was one of only six women in the nation to have primary responsibilities for a college football program.

"I always said I was in the right place at the right time," Justis said. "Since I'd been an athlete for 10 years, I just thought it was a natural progression."

A competitive swimmer in her high school and college days, Nancy (Ross) Justis graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in journalism in 1973. She worked briefly at a Ft. Collins, Colorado, newspaper before coming back

to her home state and UNI Public Information Services in 1974.

With the blessing of her boss, Don Kelly, she dabbled in sports information before going full time in athletics in 1976. She credits then-SID Jim Shaffer with showing her the ropes. "I remember Jim sitting with me at a women's softball game, showing me how to keep the book. I didn't know how to do it," Justis said.

She turned out to be a quick study. SIDs came and went, and each time Justis stepped in to run the show. Her ability did not escape the attention of athletic director and football coach Stan Sheriff, who saw no reason why she shouldn't take the head job permanently. She had only one reservation.

"I told Stan I didn't know everything about football," Justis said. "He said 'you don't need to know everything about football. I need to know about football.'" Her first game in 1979 turned out to be a big one—Panther Kelly Ellis set the national single-game rushing record with 382 yards against Western Illinois. Since then, she's been too busy becoming the best in the business to worry about anything she didn't already know.

Justis worked every sport at UNI, men's and women's, during a career that paralleled the emergence of women's athletics through Title IX legislation that gave women's college athletics equal support through federal funding of education. Football and men's basketball eventually became her primary



Bob, Nancy and
Nicole Justis

"Nancy Justis did a remarkable job during the 12 years we worked together. Panther athletics was not a job for her; it was an important part of her family's life. The Panthers have no better fans than Nancy, Bob and Nicole Justis. Bob also happens to be the best P.A. announcer I ever experienced. "Here come the Panthers!" is a part of my life forever. We had great times together, and Dee and I want to say thank you."

—Eldon Miller, UNI men's basketball head coach, 1986-1998

responsibilities, and her passions.

Justis' experience at UNI gave her the opportunity to work on international stages, including the 1984 Olympics and the 1987 Pan American Games. She's won numerous awards over the decades, most recently for her 2004 football media guide that was named the best in the nation at the 1-AA level.

She has seen the job change from one that depended on personal, face-to-face communication to one dominated by cell phones and computers. "Old-time SIDs lament e-mail," Justis said, "We used to advance the games and promote the team and players in person. Today it's hard to get away from the office and harder to

"Nancy's been totally committed to UNI Athletics for 30 years. Nancy, Bob and Nicole exemplify the definition of a Panther family."

—Mark Farley, UNI head football coach



"Nancy was working at UNI when I began here in 1978. For a time we shared an office in a trailer outside the Dome. Nancy was loyal and dedicated to the coaches and to her work, and throughout her career won many CoSida Awards. She has given the university many, many hours of work to put our story forward."

—Sandra C. Williamson, associate athletic director, sr. woman admin. emeritus

30-year accumulation, Justis said her two trips to Europe with Eldon Miller's basketball teams are especially memorable, particularly because her family was able to participate. The men's basketball team's first trip to the NCAA tournament in Richmond and its upset of Missouri in that first round game is another.

"This year's football season with all the emotional ups and downs was just incredible," Justis added. Most of all, it's year upon year of building relationships with people that is more important than any game, season or event.

"The opportunity to get to know coaches and student athletes is something I'll have with me forever," Justis said. "That's what makes the leaving tough."

He's been the public address voice of UNI football and men's basketball for three decades. Generations of UNI students and fans

have risen in unison to his familiar cry of "Here Come the Panthers!" His personal license plates leave no doubt about what

"Nancy Justis was the most wonderful person to me when I came to UNI. I can't say enough good things about her and Bob. We have remained friends all of these years. Nancy is the best at what she does and a true friend. I am honored to say I know Nancy Justis."

—Kevin Willard '88, former Panther football standout, assistant principal, ASB-dean of activities, Chula Vista (Calif.) High School

he's going to be doing on game day. He is so much a part of the blood, sweat and tears on the field that he was made an honorary letterman in 2004.

"A lot of people in the community think this is my real job," quipped Bob Justis ('73, speech, business), "but it's always been a volunteer thing." His 'real job' is president of the recently united Chambers of Commerce of Cedar Falls and Waterloo, and Justis' enthusiasm for Panther Athletics fits hand in glove with his professional persona.

"So many times I'm introduced at functions as president of the Chamber and voice of the Panthers," Justis said. "I've got to admit it gives me a warm fuzzy to hear that. I'm very proud of that relationship."

Speaking of relationships, being the husband of the assistant athletic director for athletic media relations has helped in scheduling family activities around his tireless UNI voluntarism, which is not limited to football and basketball games. Wherever a master of ceremonies is needed, Bob is there—whether it's a Hall of Fame ceremony, an Athletic Club event or a welcome home for the football team.

Not to put too fine a point on it, the lives of Bob and Nancy Justis are

"When I came here in 1980, it didn't take me very long to see that she was extraordinarily good, a real professional. She has been such a loyal person, and it's great that the whole family's involved. What many people don't realize is that on Sunday when everybody else is relaxing, she's in the office getting her stories and statistics out. But it's been a labor of love for her."

—John "Jersey" Jermier, former UNI associate director of athletics, special consultant to athletics director, 1980-2001

virtually inseparable from UNI Athletics. Their family room at home, dubbed the Panther Pit for its massive array of UNI memorabilia, tells as much about the story of their 29 years together as the sports seasons they have celebrated, and the players, coaches, staff and students with whom they've formed lasting friendships.

Bob and Nancy met at UNI in the mid '70s when she worked in what was then UNI's Public Information Services and he was across the hall (in Gilchrist Hall), as the assistant director of development. She was already immersed in Panther athletics; he was busy organizing alumni clubs and starting up the first UNI phone bank.

In those days, Bob was traveling to fundraising events with a big model of an indoor stadium in his car, helping then-Panther athletic director and football coach Stan Sheriff and other community leaders sell the dream that became the UNI-Dome. The realization of that dream, and witnessing the public's participation in that first year of Dome operation, turned Justis' Purple Pride in to a full-blown passion that has never waned. "I'm an alum," he said. "Why wouldn't I feel that way about the university? I don't understand alums who don't."

For Bob, daughter Nicole's

involvement as an intern with UNI athletic media relations brings the family full circle. It has certainly made UNI Athletics more special for the man at the mike. And while Nancy is stepping down from the media relations office, Bob's not thinking about calling it quits in the booth any time soon. "I'll do it as long as they'll have me—as long as I can walk up the steps in the Dome," he said.

He's especially looking forward to the 'newest dream,' located directly south of the UNI-Dome. "I can't wait to get into the McLeod Center," he said.

When Nicole Justis was a little girl she had visions of being a teacher. But when she turned 11 she experienced something that would change her life. "I went on my first road trip with Mom to Creighton. We won at the buzzer on a shot by Darian DeVries and I loved it. Our crowd went crazy," she said. "But it was more than that. It was the whole trip. It was so much fun being around the team. For the first time I understood some of the relationships my Mom's been able to build in her career."

Those relationships are the network of players, coaches, staff and colleagues that have become as much a part of the Justis household as the family itself. To her, this extended family of players, coaches and reporters was as natural as any other contingent of uncles, brothers and cousins. All she knew is that it kept her mom busy around the clock for most of the year. It also gave her and her dad a chance to form a special bond during the football and basketball seasons.

"When Mom was gone, Dad and I would sit down and listen to the games on the radio. Because it was such a family affair, it seemed like we were all there together," Nicole said, adding that many of her best memories of childhood and family involve UNI athletics. "Traveling to Europe with the basketball team is one that especially sticks in my mind. If we weren't so involved with UNI, that's something that never would have happened."

It was "sometime in junior high" that Nicole says it dawned on her that her Mom was something of a pioneer in her profession. The '03 Cedar Falls High School graduate has since chosen to follow in her Mom's career footsteps and work alongside her in UNI's athletic media relations office.

"We're best friends and she's my mentor at work. I look up to her in her profession, Nicole said. "She's always worked seven days a week, and when I was a little kid that just meant I got to spend more time in the UNI-Dome, which I loved. On Sundays she'd be working and all the



coaches would be around. It didn't seem like work to me. Now I see the day-to-day stresses she's been under. It's hard work and it's not all glory."

This year the junior public relations major is knee deep in the behind-the-scenes toil of athletic media relations. She is the student media contact for men's and women's cross-country and track, spotter for computer stats in basketball and play-by-play statistician for football, her first love.

"I might go to grad school for sports administration, but whatever I do I really want to work in college athletics after graduation," Nicole said. "Eventually, I would like to be in the NFL. I want to stay around football, either in player personnel, sports information or PR."

Wherever her career takes her, Nicole will always carry one major Justis family trait: she bleeds UNI purple. "All you would have to do to prove that is put us side by side after the Southern Illinois football game and see that we all had tears in our eyes." 🐾

"I had outstanding instructors at UNI, but Nancy had the most profound impact on my life. She taught me the skills to operate a successful media relations and communications department, and instilled in me a sense of direction, motivation, focus, commitment and passion. Anything I have accomplished or will accomplish is built around a core of purple and gold. Nancy Justis is at the center of that core."

—Troy Dannen '89, executive director, Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union

meet people. Everyone wants everything instantaneously. People expect stats and a story on the Web site 10 minutes after the game is over."

What hasn't changed is her love for the games, the participants and the atmosphere. Justis said, "I don't know another career that affords you the emotional attachments. It's impossible to let the losses slide off your back. You just hope they keep winning, that the next athlete runs for 100 yards or is named first team all-conference or all-American."

Understandably hesitant to lock-in her favorite career highlights from a



Assistive technologies level the field

by CJ Hines

Grad student Kristin Mills lives off-campus, loves Broadway musicals and participates in several nonprofit activities. Last summer she was a counselor at Camp Tuhsmeheeta in Michigan where students tent-camped and learned about the great outdoors—not all that unusual for a college student.

But the Des Moines native has retinitis pigmentosa, a hereditary disease that causes the cells in her retina that process light to degenerate. Over time she will become completely blind. She was diagnosed at 6 years old, although her parents noticed she'd been running into things since she was 3.

"I have no peripheral vision. I can tell you're in front of me but I can't pick out any details like hair color or eye color," said Mills, who is among a handful of students at UNI who are visually impaired.

Obtaining her undergraduate degree in secondary education from Simpson College in Indianola, Mills chose UNI for graduate school because of Sunggye Hong, assistant professor in the Department of Special Education. "There are a number of good

schools with special education graduate programs but Dr. Hong came to UNI and developed the teacher training program for students with visual impairments."

Hong, who is totally blind, was teaching in Arizona when the university recruited him for the program.

"Throughout the United States there are 30-some programs that train teachers of students with visual impairments. But Iowa didn't have one," Hong said. "UNI recruited me to come here and develop the program, which I started in 2003."

The eight-course program offers bachelor, master's and certification programs for all levels of general and special education teachers.

But how does Mills take exams, write papers or use a computer like her sighted classmates?

"People tend to forget that I've been dealing with this all my life," she said. Mainstreamed into the public school system, she learned Braille in first grade and the computer keyboard in fourth grade. In junior high she began using speech software, technology in which

information from the computer screen is read aloud to the user.

Mills used Microsoft speech software in high school and switched to JAWS (Job Access with Speech) software while at Simpson College. JAWS can be installed without sighted assistance and also outputs Braille displays. "I can send e-mails, write a paper or surf the Web. I'm fortunate for the assistive technology we have now."

Assistive technology, which helps people with disabilities accomplish daily tasks and achieve greater independence, is relatively new, Hong said. "There were trials of technology in the early 1980s, but in a very primitive way. More stable screen-reading software was being developed in the late 1980s or early 1990s."

Hong, who has Microsoft Window-Eyes software on his computer, has an office full of assistive technology aids to help him and his students with daily tasks,



Assistant Professor Sunggye Hong applied his expertise in assistive technologies to develop UNI's teacher training program for students with visual impairments.

The development of this technology has offered tremendous opportunities for people with visual impairment.—Sunggye Hong

such as a Braille printer, Braille laptop computer and Perkins Brailier for creating Braille documents.

"The development of this technology has offered tremendous opportunities for people with visual impairment," Hong said. "Twenty-five or 30 years ago it would have been impossible for me to teach, but assistive technology makes it possible."

UNI's Rod Library also has several assistive technology aids, including JAWS software, an OpenBook reader, which scans and vocalizes written text, a Visualtek camera system that magnifies text and other visual materials, two American Printing House for the Blind cassette tape recorder/players and a Perkins Brailier. Library staff can also assist with operating library equipment, such as photocopy machines or microform readers.

Another campus resource is the Office of Disability Services, housed in the new Student Health Center.

"Our goal is to make sure the activities, programs and services the university offers are accessible to

individuals with disabilities," said Jane Slykhuis, coordinator of the Office of Disability Services. "It's not about giving anyone an advantage. It's about leveling the playing field. Students still have to fulfill admission requirements."

The office assists students and faculty, but it's students who mainly use the services. Slykhuis said there are currently 178 students who have registered with her office and are eligible for services.

"Students have to self-identify, we can't seek them out," she added. "I encourage students when they come for their high school visit to talk to me or someone in our office. That's when I tell students about the process. I like to have the students fill out the necessary forms before the semester starts. It works best for the student, faculty and me so we have accommodations in place from day one."

To qualify for services, the person must have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (chief architect Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin) and Section 504 of the

Rehabilitation Act of 1973. People must provide proper documentation confirming the disability and that it substantially limits one or more major life activities, such as walking, seeing, hearing, standing, breathing, learning or speaking.

The office has five academic aides serving as readers and scribes, services that Mills has used. "A reader has helped me take an exam for one of my classes and I've had scribes come to class to take notes. I will also use their services to help with getting texts on tape."

What the office doesn't provide are personal services such as transportation. In those cases, Slykhuis can refer students to on-campus services or agencies, one being the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, which helps provide tuition aid, tutoring fees, transportation and assistive technology.

"My goal is to have them become independent," Slykhuis said. "But we also want students to know this is a safe place." 🐼

For more information:

UNI's Office of Disability Services, www.uni.edu/disability
Coordinating Committee for Disability Accommodations,
www.uni.edu/ccda
Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, www.irvs.iowa.gov

Graduate student Kristin Mills frequently uses a Braille Note device to take notes in class. She can upload the information to a Word document onto her computer.



The dorms they are a changin'

UNI meets need for single rooms

by CJ Hines

Angela Ott

University of Northern Iowa Today



Kevin Biggerstaff

UNI student Angela Ott shares her room in Shull Hall with a futon, TV, refrigerator, desk, computer, loft bed, table and a microwave. But no roommate—not because of roommate issues—she just likes living alone.

"I like being able to spread my stuff everywhere. I'm used to it from home," said Ott, a junior anthropology major from Clear Lake. "It's not about not wanting a roommate, a lot of it is just about space."

For senior John Van Hemert of Mason City, who lived with eight roommates during his Study Abroad experience, it's about claiming his individuality.

"Living here makes me feel more independent. I appreciate being able to claim an entire room as my own," said Van Hemert, a management information systems and computer science major who is an RA on Shull's fourth floor. "The Department of Residence (DOR) staff thinks of rooms as more than dorms. 'Residence hall' ties in with the concept of community. A dorm is a building with rooms that students live in. A residence hall is a community of students who build off each other's life experiences, both from commonalities and diversity."

Kevin Biggerstaff, a transfer student from San Antonio, remembers how difficult it is to share tight quarters.

"The best thing about having my own room is the privacy and being able to watch TV at late hours or have guests without having to OK it with your roommate first," said Biggerstaff, who shared a bedroom with his twin brother until he was 14. "Having your own room gives you more personal space and a greater sense of ownership."

Ott, Van Hemert and Biggerstaff are three of the 211 UNI students living in single rooms in Shull Hall, located in the

Quadrangle complex on campus.

Named for Henry Shull, president of the Board of Regents from 1940 to 1951, Shull Hall opened in 1964. At the time it was built to house approximately 400 male students. In 2003, all that changed.

As part of the DOR's long-range planning that includes gauging overall student satisfaction, university officials hired an outside consulting group to conduct research on student housing preferences.

"We used print surveys, focus groups and interviews to pinpoint students' perception of comfort and privacy levels and identify which improvements would make them most likely to remain in on-campus communities," said Michael Hager, director of the Department of Residence.

Among the factors tested were satisfaction with room assignments, roommates, facilities, security and services, but nothing was valued as highly as personal space, according to Pat Beck of DOR. "What we've found is freshmen expect to live in a dorm room as a positive rite of passage. Some sophomores, juniors and even seniors want to share rooms," Beck said. "Clearly, though, single rooms are an attractive feature. It is a trend, there's no doubt about that."

Armed with research results, university officials made plans to renovate Shull Hall and convert double rooms into single rooms. Work began in 2004—bathrooms were gutted, windows and fixtures replaced, new lighting and tiles installed, and privacy shower suites added.

"Shull Hall officially opened in August 2005, ahead of schedule, under budget, filled to capacity with satisfied customers," Hager said. "It's a different kind of environment, with like-minded students who are experiencing similar things at the same time. It allows

us to focus our programming on key issues like internship searches and job resume workshops."

Upperclassmen are also more established with a main network of friends, activities and organizations, Hager said.

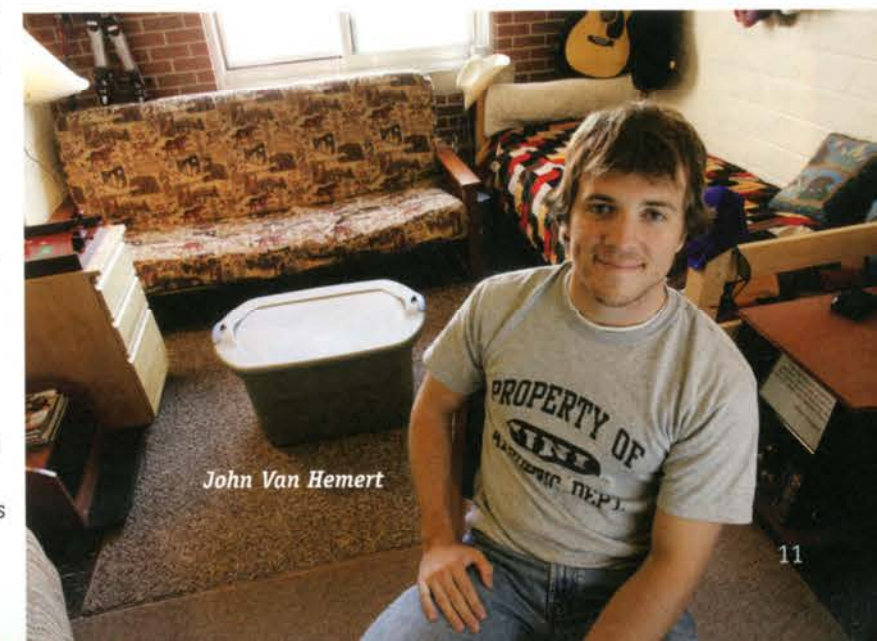
"Upperclass residents are by no means hermits," said Van Hemert. "Shull residents have established social circles, as well as our own identities, enough that we can enjoy the privacy of a single room while retaining the benefits we've gained from sharing a room."

Sophomore Amanda Test of Des Moines likes the atmosphere. "I wanted to try something new, and even though I thought I'd be lonely in my own room, it has turned out to be the opposite. We tend to get together in one room, but I have my own space so I can get away when I need to," Test said.

DOR staff is equally happy about Shull. That's because when residence hall occupancy increases, so does the need for other DOR services.

"We set services, facilities use and staffing to meet students' needs. As the level of on-campus occupancy fluctuates, we make adjustments accordingly," Beck said. "Currently occupancy is rising and, along with it, the use of dining services. There are more people in the dining centers and more students sharing study, recreation and laundry spaces."

Hager said the issue of converting more residence halls to single-room living is something he and the DOR will continue to assess. "We will continue to change our services as needs change."



John Van Hemert

Winter 2006

The prison, surrounded by razor coil and a chain-link fence, was old, dark and dingy, with sticky floors like old movie theaters.

Jerry swallowed hard and took a deep breath. A guard behind bulletproof glass opened a steel door. Another guard led him down a dim hallway to a door with a 4-inch opening and said, "When you're ready to come out, just yell." The door clanged shut. Turning around, he saw 50 pairs of eyes staring back.

That heart-in-your-throat experience was the first time Jerry Nelsen stepped foot in a prison. But it wasn't the last.

"I felt I was walking into something with no power to get out on my own ... I knew I had a message to deliver, no

1961 with a B.S. in science education. If it weren't for his freshman biology class lab partner, his career path may have been very different.

"The biology labs used formaldehyde to preserve specimens for dissection, but I quickly discovered I was allergic to it. I couldn't even see the specimen, so my partner named the structures while I looked on from a safe distance," he said. "For every lab session that semester, he stayed to review and demonstrate the names and techniques...I may have failed if it had not been for him."

Nelsen was able to continue with his science classes. After graduating he taught in the Cedar Rapids Schools and at Coe College, earned a master's degree

South Carolina. He has worked with felons convicted of robbery, rape and murder, and although he does not judge them, he never lets down his guard. "I shake hands with the inmates and sometimes embrace. I close my eyes when I pray," he said. "But I'm always cautious and position myself so that I'm visible to the guards. Most of these men are con artists to some degree, but I trust the Lord for protection."

Nelsen and his wife also minister to a special-needs Sunday school class and he preaches at a homeless mission and writes a monthly column for his church's newsletter.

UNI Days

While Nelsen earned his graduate degrees at other universities, he said UNI provided the framework for his career.

"UNI did a lot for me. It gave me a career path and brought new awareness to my life. It was the foundation upholding my life values and I have wonderful memories."

He recalled a professor who spent the first day of class taking names and photographing the students. "I thought it was a waste of time—I was eager for knowledge. The next class day I was astonished when the professor knew everyone's names and hometowns. That class was one of the most memorable and wonderful experiences of learning I've had," he said. "I can't measure the value of it."

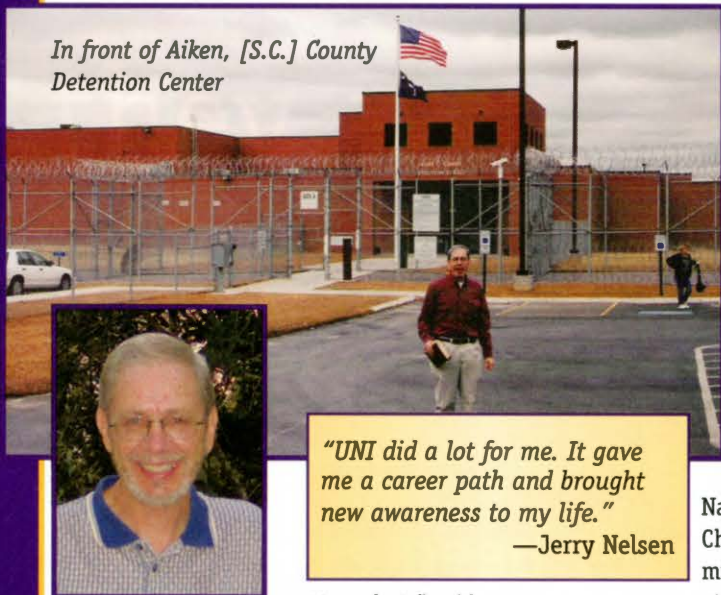
Nelsen was a chemistry lab assistant for professors Kercheval, Wilson and Lyons, and during his senior year he trained a new lab assistant—a "tall, lanky, country boy, bright, quiet and obedient and a good worker. Perhaps a diamond in the rough." His name was Robert Koob.

"I thought he might have been brighter than I was, but I didn't let him know it," Nelsen said. "His first job was hard work: clean the stone lab benches and treat them with linseed oil."

President Koob recalls those days. "(Jerry) was my first supervisor as a lab assistant. Like most people I met he was cordial and helpful. I do recall rubbing down the lab benches and having to wear work clothes for the job because the oil was difficult to get out if you were a little sloppy, which I was." 🐶

Man of science ministers to prisoners

In front of Aiken, [S.C.] County Detention Center



"UNI did a lot for me. It gave me a career path and brought new awareness to my life."

—Jerry Nelsen

matter what," said Nelsen, who began a prison ministry about 10 years ago. "I got the opportunity to go to the prison and felt bound to go, even though they may ridicule me for invading their closed society."

Instead, a few of the inmates gathered around as Nelsen prayed and read from the Bible. "I wanted them to understand I was no better than they, but we all need the Lord in our lives. I'm still amazed that the men respect me and stand up for me when critics interrupt."

Man of Science

Originally from Dows, Iowa, Nelsen came to UNI in 1957 and graduated in

in plant physiology, a doctorate in civil engineering/health physics and became a certified industrial hygienist and radio-ecologist. In 1974, he went to work for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (now Department of Energy).

"I worked first with university research contracts for the DOE out of the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago and later on a large military industrial complex at the Savannah River Site, near Augusta (Georgia)," Nelsen said.

In 1990, while living in Plainfield, Illinois, a "monster tornado" hit the Plainfield-Joliet area. His wife, Kathryn Claussen Nelsen ('62), died two weeks later from internal injuries. He has been married to Dyanna Marshall Nelsen for "13 of the most wonderful years. I have been inordinately blessed by the Lord with two wonderful companions." He and Dyanna live in Aiken, South Carolina.

Ministry

After retiring from the DOE in 2002, Nelsen began his full-time ministry. He serves two prisons in Georgia and one in

His first day on the job at the Center for Mind-Body Medicine in Washington, D.C., Dan Sterenchuk got on a plane to Israel.

Sterenchuk, Israel/Gaza Strip program administrator for the Center's 'Healing the Wounds of War' program, went to coordinate a train-the-trainer program for healthcare professionals, teachers and community leaders.

"The HWW program not only helps diminish psychological trauma but also promotes permanent changes in attitude and behavior, helping to prevent chronic emotional, behavioral and physical problems," said Sterenchuk ('02), a Cedar Rapids native.

CMBM founder, Dr. James Gordon, leads training with an international faculty of physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, nurses and social workers.

"Our international faculty are carefully selected for this work with traumatized populations. Many of them have lived in conflict and war situations and bring deep personal experiences as well as high levels of skill and knowledge to the training," Sterenchuk explained.

The initial six-day program teaches the science and practice of mind-body medicine, psychological self-care and group support, later followed by four days of advanced training on how to conduct the groups they will eventually lead. Sterenchuk said HWW has had documented success in Bosnia, Kosovo and with New York City firefighters and their families following 9/11.

"CMBM believes in creating a sustainable structure adapted to local needs and supported by local people. This ensures it is relevant to the local population's needs and helps promote interdependence of the local community," he said. "So after a few years the local population will be empowered to teach others and integrate the structure into their communities."

How did someone with a bachelor's degree in English language and literature get involved in such a worldwide and worthy cause?

"My UNI courses in humanities and literature prepared me for a lot of experiences. The capacity to understand a

situation from different levels and being able to critically analyze it is invaluable," he said. "A liberal arts education is one of the best ways to become a knowledgeable global citizen."

While his education and experience have provided him with direction, he said his parents have influenced him the most.

"My parents provided wonderful role models and have exemplified empathy, compassion, service and respect for others," he said. "My father was a paramedic and a firefighter and my mother was a nurse. There's always been that foundation within my family of a dedication to service. My parents continually emphasized the importance of giving back to one's community and the value of service."

Alumnus helps heal wounds of war

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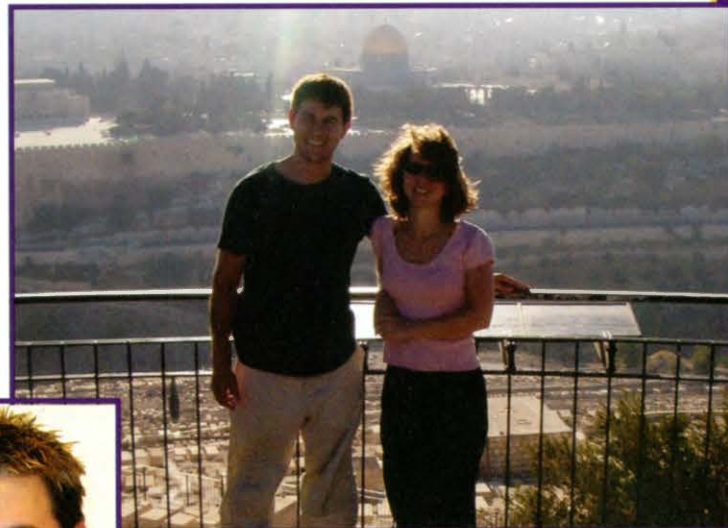


In his first year at UNI, Sterenchuk was a senator for Bartlett Hall in Northern Iowa Student Government. He became NISG president as a junior. He was a Student Alumni Ambassador, and served on the UNI North Central Association Self-Study Steering Committee, Student Activity Fee Committee, Student Computer Advisory Committee and Board of Control for Student Broadcasting.

He also studied English literature for one semester at the University of Hull in England and French for one year at the Universite' Catholique de L'Quest in Angers, France.

"I knew my path might be unconventional but I trusted my heart. When I studied in England and France I knew I wanted to work somewhere that I could travel and interact with people from around the world," he said. "My experience illustrates the reach a UNI education affords its alumni and the importance of such an education in understanding the most devastating conflicts and trauma throughout the world."

When not in the Middle East, Sterenchuk is in D.C., overseeing the Israel/Gaza programs and representing CMBM in legislative affairs and educating Congressional members and staff about its programs. "I love D.C. It actually reminds me of living in France—there's a nice European flair with gardens and trees all



Dan Sterenchuk and a former CMBM colleague, Margaret Gavin, from Mount of Olives, with a view toward Old City Jerusalem. The mosque in the background is the famous Dome of the Rock. The Mount of Olives overlooks the Temple Mount from the east.

throughout the city. There's always things to do and there's great diversity," he said. "I felt within the first week of being here that I belonged."

For more information about the Center for Mind-Body Medicine, go to www.cmbm.org.

E-media conference a boon to young professionals

by CJ Hines

Helping students and young professionals obtain additional training and insight into the electronic media industry was the goal of the first-ever electronic media workshop, which took place on the University of Northern Iowa campus in October.

University of Northern Iowa alumni working in the electronic media industry developed and presented "Fast Forward: Media Skills for a Changing Marketplace," a daylong event, which also included a panel discussion by area news directors.

"This was the first conference of its kind in the state," said John Fritch, UNI associate professor and head of Communication Studies. "It was successful beyond our greatest expectations. News directors, young professionals and our students all praised the conference. When a student asked one of the news directors how to gain an edge on their competition for jobs, he said 'Attend conferences like this one.'"

Julie Kraft (BA '86), senior consultant at Frank N. Magid Associates in Marion, got the ball rolling on the event concept. "Diane Curtis (UNI's director of Planned Giving) and I were having lunch, and I said in passing, 'There are some of us out there who are successful and who would love to give back to UNI through their expertise.' I told Diane we should have three or four come back on their own dime and their own time and share that expertise," Kraft said.

Along with Kraft, alumni participants included: Mark Anderson (BA '85), a photojournalist and two-time Edward R. Murrow Award winner; Polly Carver-Kimm (BA '85), news director and co-host of the KIOA morning show in Des Moines; Teresa Nolt (BA '99), talent placement specialist at Magid Associates; and Mark Steines (BA '86), two-time Emmy winning journalist and co-host of "Entertainment Tonight," who gave the keynote address.

"There are not a lot of training opportunities available to young professionals. This conference was designed to fill that void," Kraft said. "I think it's a great experience for an alum to go back and for students to see what they can look forward to. We're trying to inspire them and let them know 'you can do this, you can make it.'"

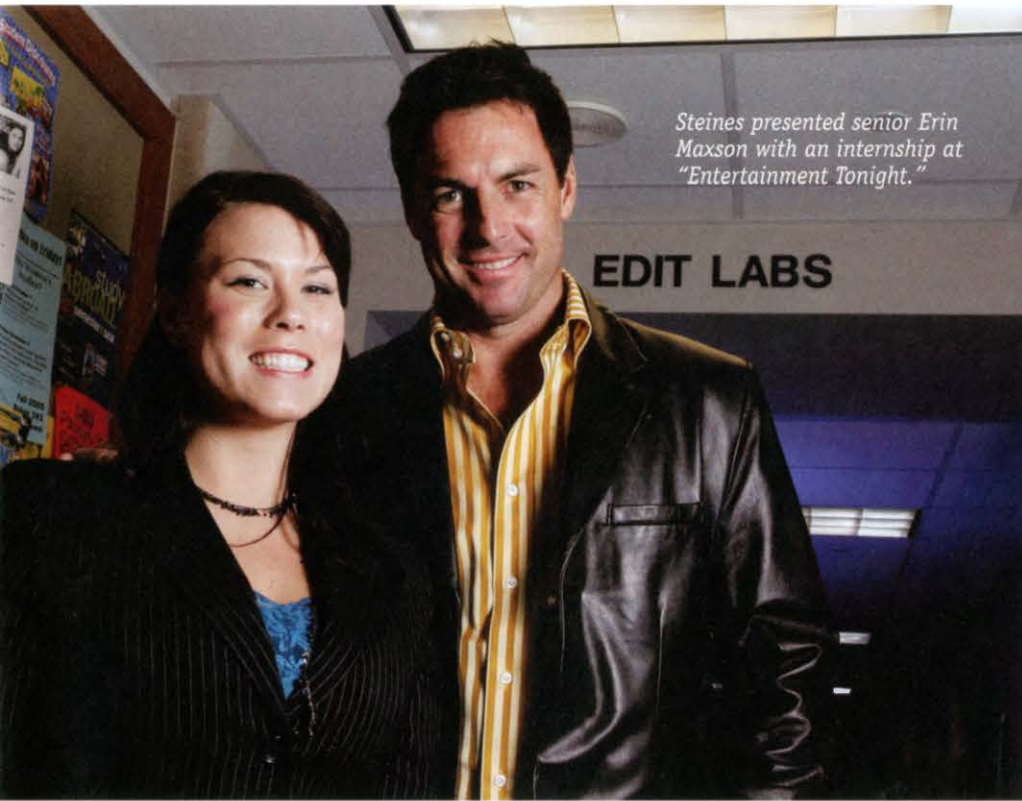
Workshops included writing and storytelling, preparing new graduates for their first job, best practices in broadcast journalism, and polishing broadcasting skills.

The conference was co-sponsored and funded by the Iowa Broadcasters Association and Quarton-McElroy/IBA Endowment Fund. 🍷

Mark Steines '86 gives the keynote address at the E-media conference in October.



UNI + LA = Hollywood Mentor



Steines presented senior Erin Maxson with an internship at "Entertainment Tonight."

It makes me proud to be from a school where the alumni remember how they got their start and show appreciation for the education they have received.

—Erin Therese Maxson

You wake up on a beautiful October day. You have two choices:

- 1) Spend the day at a private interview with Teri Hatcher in California's wine country.
- 2) Spend the day at UNI speaking at a communications seminar with students and faculty.

UNI alumnus Mark Steines had no problem choosing option 2. "I had to e-mail Teri and tell her I couldn't make it," he said with a chuckle.

The host of *Entertainment Tonight* and a two-time Emmy award-winning journalist, Steines received his B.A. in Communications from UNI in 1986.

"I think UNI has a very great feel to it," Steines explained. "Communication Studies is not the same as it was when I was here. And that's good, because when we started we didn't have so much. But it has come so far and that is such a positive thing. People care enough to actually invest in this."

Putting his money where his mouth is, Steines has offered a full-time internship for one lucky UNI student at *Entertainment Tonight* all summer long. And not just any internship, but a full dose of reality in the entertainment world. "This internship will not be in the vault erasing tapes and logging stuff. This internship will be Mark and mini-Mark," he says with a smile. "They will go with me to every shoot I go on, from voice-over stuff to the hair and make-up team that we work with. They'll know how a show like ET is put together top to bottom and the blood, sweat and tears that happen every single day. The day will start at 5 a.m. for them and they will be there every day. A lot of internships are Monday, Wednesday, Friday. This is going to be Monday through Friday, and if I'm working a weekend, they're going to be there with me. But I want them to know what it's like, the reality that "here you go, you're a senior, step onto that train that's moving at a hundred miles an hour."

After interviewing four finalists, Steines made his choice: Erin Therese Maxson, a senior digital communications and multimedia major from Decorah, Iowa.

"I am so very excited for this internship," she said. "It makes me proud to be from a school where the alumni remember how they got their start and show appreciation for the education they have received. I feel so blessed for the opportunity to go to L.A. and learn from someone who still holds Midwestern values. Something that many people overlook in the college experience is the need for mentorship. It says a lot about UNI as an institution when the alumni want to take the time to mentor the current students." 🍷

by Melissa Barber



Education for a lifetime

by Rebecca Schultze

Looking back, we can wonder how the excitement and anticipation of our first day of kindergarten transformed into anxiety and dread as the first day of school arrived during our teenage years. But somewhere along the line as we aged, that yearning to learn returned and we found ourselves seeking new challenges, new opportunities to grow.

To help satisfy the need for lifetime learning opportunities in the Cedar Valley, the University of Northern Iowa offered its first Lifelong University courses this fall. "The response was positively overwhelming," said Stacey Christensen, community relations manager with the Office of University Marketing & Public Relations, "and we are excited to offer five more courses this spring."

Lifelong University is a university public service that offers non-credit programs for people interested in learning throughout life. Some programs are half-day workshops and others are three- or four-week courses, meeting once a week. Each program engages UNI faculty and staff with community members to promote educational and personalized experiences.

Christensen had to establish waiting lists for all five of the fall courses. "This proves that the community has been ready and waiting for this type of program," she said.

Marv Diemer and several of his fellow Rotary Club members attended the Iowa Tallgrass Prairie

course together to learn more about prairie reconstruction for a Rotary Club project. Diemer heads the Rotary Club committee that has been reconstructing 13 acres of prairie for the past four years.

"I was familiar with some of the material we covered," he said, "but sometimes hearing it for the second or third time makes it sink in better."

For Marlene Schmidt, Lifelong University provided the opportunity to learn and to reconnect with her alma mater. She participated in two Lifelong University courses: "We're Going to the Opera?" and Iowa's Tallgrass Prairie. "Lifelong learning is so important," she said. "You hear about exercising your mind and Lifelong University fits right into that."

Schmidt and her husband both participated in the Iowa's Tallgrass Prairie class and she said she "never learned so much in three hours in my life."

The Schmidts aren't the only couple who enjoy learning together. Robert and Maxine Morrison participated in all five Lifelong University courses this fall.

"We've thoroughly enjoyed the classes," Maxine Morrison said. "It's fun to be back in a classroom and it's probably fun for the professors, too, to have a classroom of people of a different age than a typical university course."

The Morrisons volunteer for a lot of community organizations but they thought fitting Lifelong University into their busy schedule was worth the time.

"Continuing our education has sort of been our habit and this has been something that facilitates it," Robert Morrison said. "We just always enjoyed learning."

Schmidt shared that same passion. "I love being in a classroom. I love learning," she said. "There are no tests, so Lifelong University is very non-threatening. You just sit back, enjoy and soak up the knowledge." 🍌

Lifelong University

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Spring 2006 courses

Earthquakes and Tsunamis
Professor Ken DeNault

Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and The Da Vinci Code
Professor Kenneth Akinson

Bringing Your Family Stories to Life
Professor Ron Sandvik

Adventure to the World of Blindness
Professor Sunggye Hong

Empowering Tools: Learning to Increase the Quality of Your Later Years
Professors Juia Wallace, Bruce Plaake, Kristin Mack and Kyle Kostecky

For all 2006 course times, dates and complete registration information, visit the Web at www.uni.edu/llu or call University Events Coordination at 319-273-6899 or 800-782-9519.



Building strategic partnerships that work for everyone

by Rebecca Schultze

UNI's interaction with the Des Moines-based company, The Principal Financial Group*, is the very model for future partnerships between education and business. It is a high-quality, functional connection that provides UNI students with internships and scholarships and creates an experienced application pool for The Principal* and other national and international companies.

In October, more than 50 UNI students, faculty and staff members traveled to Des Moines to learn more about The Principal and its intern and employment opportunities. The event was a collaborative effort between UNI and The Principal Human Resources-Employment Department to create networking opportunities with The Principal employees, strengthen educational programs and discuss future possibilities.

"More than 90 percent of UNI students are from Iowa. Seventy percent of UNI graduates stay in Iowa. The Principal is one of the largest employers in Iowa," said Farzad Moussavi, dean of the College of Business Administration. "It only makes sense for the two of us to talk. We have a commitment to the state and to corporations like The Principal to provide educated students for the workforce."

Valued Intern at The Principal (VIP) scholar Eric Coborn said his experience at The Principal was perfect preparation for life after graduation. "I did things that made me feel like I was part of the team, like I was needed," he said about his seven-month internship. "Every day was like going to school and learning new things. It was pretty intense."

In 2005, 13 UNI students received cooperative education credits while working at The Principal Financial Group and Principal Global Investors.

Al Stamberg, director of the UNI Cooperative Education/Internship Program, said an internship with The Principal builds confidence and enhances a student's abilities in the classroom. It ultimately strengthens a student's résumé regardless of where the student ends up working. "These strategic partnerships are as important for UNI as they are for corporations and nations. What

begins as a 'touch point' can develop mentoring opportunities for students, research projects for the classroom, and a better understanding by faculty of how businesses apply classroom theories," he said. In return, The Principal gets talented interns, which allows more effective use of full-time staff.

"We have so many UNI alumni working here that it's a nice networking connection when you come to work or do an internship," said Kevin Krause ('83), assistant finance director for Principal International and UNI Accounting Advisory Board member. "Knowing people from UNI made my transition easier when I started here 10 years ago."

UNI graduates employed at The Principal believe their education gave them a strong foundation for their careers and they value interns and employees who come from their alma mater.

"I would characterize people from UNI as well-rounded with a very good work ethic," said Gary Scholten ('80), chief information officer at The Principal. "Many UNI grads have another minor or major, which makes them more effective employees. The combination is a good benefit."

Patti Van Thomme ('77), second vice president of administrative services at The Principal, has served on the UNI Management Advisory Board and has seen a steady increase in UNI graduates coming to work at The Principal. She said the mutual benefits are obvious.

Van Thomme added, "We, like other employers, are interested in recruiting the best and the brightest. We're trying to attract and retain top talent. UNI wants to show current and potential students that if they come to UNI they will have top career opportunities."

Brianne Schutte, a UNI senior and intern at The Principal since August, said, "I've grown a lot from this internship. It's not about putting the interns in a job where the company needs them. It's about putting them somewhere they'll enjoy and grow personally and professionally."

For intern Katie Gambell the lessons go far beyond the classroom, and any sacrifices to fit the internship into her



Patti Van Thomme '77



Kevin Krause '83



Gary Scholten '80



Brianne Schutte



Katie Gambell

schedule are worth it. "Students should be open to new experiences," said Gambell, a senior. "It might delay graduation, but it gives you an edge over every other applicant out there." 🍌

\$112 million raised for UNI

Response to Students First Campaign tops \$100 million goal

In 2000, fundraising consultants recommended the UNI Foundation set a goal of \$50-\$75 million for its upcoming campaign. "The consultants actually thought \$75 million might be too high," explained Bill Calhoun, vice president for advancement. "But after further discussion, our board said we have great projects that deserve this funding and we think we can do it. Within two years, we increased the goal to \$100 million."

That vision paid off for both UNI and the Cedar Valley in a big way. With more than \$112 million raised during the seven-year campaign, the outcomes are tangible. From capital projects like the new McLeod Center and Freeburg Early

Childhood Center to program and scholarship support, generous gifts from donors are helping UNI fulfill its mission to offer a world-class university education, with personalized experiences that create a lifetime of opportunities.

The Students First campaign projects included:

- Programs (\$38.9 million)
- Scholarships (\$34.6 million)
- Capital projects (\$31.1 million)
- McLeod Center, home of the Robert J. McCoy Court
- Human Performance Complex
- Freeburg Early Childhood Program
- Russell Hall renovation
- McCollum Science Hall equipment
- Lang Hall renovation
- Unrestricted and undesignated gifts (\$7.3 million)



The McLeod Center, home of the Robert J. McCoy Court

- 100,000 square-foot sports and entertainment arena
- Home to UNI men's and women's basketball, volleyball and a competition venue for wrestling
- Will host community events such as athletic tournaments, concerts, and trade shows
- Will free the UNI-Dome for additional events
- McLeod Center and the UNI-Dome together will draw an additional 250,000-275,000 visitors per year, producing an economic impact of \$15-20 million per year
- Construction began summer 2004; completion expected November 2006
- Visit www.uni-foundation.org to view the progress of the McLeod Center construction project.
- Total cost: \$26 million



Russell Hall Renovation

- Extensive renovations to improve student practice rooms
- Remodeling of the existing auditorium
- Improved facilities for UNI's world-renowned Jazz program
- Private fund-raising will supplement \$7.8 million in state appropriations
- Projected cost: \$9.8 million



Joe Murphy
Economics major
Student body president

"We celebrate the success of UNI's Student First Campaign. With a goal of \$100 million it was the largest campaign in UNI's history. By the time it ended on June 30, 2005, the Students First Campaign had received gifts and pledges of over \$112 million. Forty thousand alumni, friends, and organizations contributed to the Students First Campaign. We'd just like to say thanks to each of you. And thanks for helping the University of Northern Iowa keep students first."



Tarek Fahmy
Business Management major
Student body vice president

"The Students First Campaign at UNI accomplished many great things for the students here on campus. It created 330 new scholarship endowments and raised close to \$39 million for academic program support. Gifts to the Student's First Campaign also supported several capital projects including the construction of an Early Childhood Education Center, a Human Performance Center, and new sports arena, renovations of Russell and Lang Halls and new equipment for the McCollum Science Hall."



Human Performance Complex

- 23,000 square-foot addition to the Wellness Recreation Center
- Home to Athletic Training Education, Global Health Corps, National Program for Playground Safety, Institute for Youth Fitness and Obesity and Camp Adventure Youth Services
- Will include offices and treatment facilities for orthopedists and physical therapists, working closely with UNI's athletic training students
- Construction will begin spring 2006; completion expected fall 2007
- Total cost: \$7 million



McCollum Science Hall Equipment

- Equipment for chemistry and biology programs in expanded McCollum Science Hall
- McCollum total raised: \$1.2 million



Lang Hall Renovation

- Renovated Lang Hall Auditorium and electronic media classrooms
- Lang Hall total raised: \$407,000



Freeburg Early Childhood Program, housed in R. J. McElroy Hall

- 13,000 square-foot building in Waterloo
- McElroy Hall was specially designed for early education
- Models the best practices in early education for children in preschool, kindergarten and grades 1-2
- Serves children in Waterloo and gives UNI students valuable field experience
- Construction began summer 2000; completed in Sept. 2001
- Total raised: \$2.8 million

Students First included more than \$38 million for program support, including the UNI Annual Fund, Deans' Funds for Excellence, Athletic Club, and Friends of the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, as well as those programs featured here.

David W. Wilson Chair in Business Ethics



Donna Wood, David W. Wilson Chair in Business Ethics, and a distinguished panel of guests at UNI's first business ethics conference.

John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center



Russell Hotchkiss, 2005 Student Entrepreneur of the Year, with Randy Pilkington, executive director, UNI Business and Community Services.

Joy Cole Corning Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series



Madeline Albright



Sally Ride



Thomas Friedman



Grant Erwin
Family and Community Services,
Criminology majors

"Scholarships allow me to come here for the full four years of my college career. I have been really involved in student government, Relay for Life and Colleges Against Cancer here at UNI. Those experiences have taught me just as much as any academic experience. Without the scholarships I would have had no choice but to work more and not be as involved in those activities."



Lauren Pellemounter
Communications major

"I really liked hearing Thomas Friedman speak about current world issues. Hearing others' views on different topics helps paint a clearer picture of the problems the world is facing at this time."

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Volleyball

Despite some growing pains with four new starters on the floor, UNI once again had a successful season. A first-round tournament win over Creighton marked the eighth straight season and 19th time in the last 21 years that the Panthers scored 20 or more victories. They were 20-12 overall and 12-6 in the Missouri Valley Conference for fourth place.

The Panthers were one of the nation's top blocking teams, ranking in the top five most of the season and entering the MVC tournament averaging 3.35 blocks per game. UNI had a balanced offensive attack, as all six primary hitters averaged better than 2.00 kills per game. Senior Stephanie Germann led the Panthers in hitting percentage (.283), while ranking third in kills and blocks.

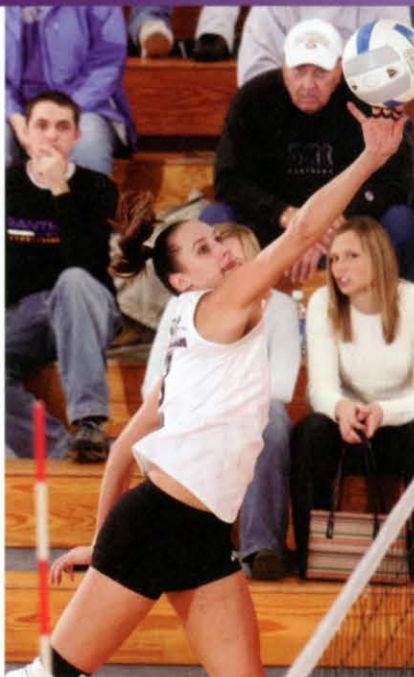
Sophomore outside hitter Laura Rowen led the team with 14 double-doubles and ranked among MVC leaders most of the season in kills per game (3.55). Freshman Ashten Stelken, playing a variety of positions, earned MVC Freshman of the Week honors four times. Danielle Brazda, the reigning MVC Freshman of the Year, was among the national leaders all season in blocking, averaging 1.62 bpg.

Germann was named first team all-conference and Brazda took second team honors. Stelken became the 10th UNI player to earn all-freshman team accolades.

Women's Soccer

UNI was led by interim head coach Kathy Kakoyianni-Bering and picked up a 5-2 win over Minnesota State. The team was plagued by injuries throughout the season and lost three starting midfielders to season-ending knee injuries.

The Panthers were led by senior



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forward/midfielder Shanon Dechant with eight points, three goals and two assists. Dechant was named second team all-conference and placed on the MVC scholar-athlete team for the second consecutive season. Freshman Lindsey Daugherty made the Valley all-freshman team, leading the team with four goals and tying the UNI freshman record for season goals, set by Dechant (2002) and Sarah Lowe (2000).

Women's Tennis

The Panthers were tough competitors at the MVC Individual Championships, coming up with multiple place-winners. Two UNI players won individual championships. Meghana Paritala, UNI's number one, captured the Flight A title over Bradley's Ashley Morris. Flight B of the championships saw Panther teammates Meredith Esbeck and Sara Kendall squaring off with Esbeck prevailing. Samantha Schnobel and Sara Kendall defeated Creighton's Jodi Yanagida and Sarah Grawe for third place in doubles, and Carolina Hannes took fifth place by beating Veronkia Leszayoba of Drake.

Team members are confident the hard work done in the fall will lead the Panthers to success this spring. "We have definitely improved a lot from last year," senior Meredith Esbeck said. "We still have some work to do, but we will definitely be in the running for first place in the Valley."

Softball

The UNI softball team concluded its fall season in September with an overall record of 10-2-1, including wins over in-state rivals Iowa State and Drake, a win over South Dakota State, a

tie with Purdue and two victories over Western Illinois. The Panthers got key contributions from seniors Rachael Rogers and Uju Ibekwe, sophomore Jamie Kelling, as well as from the team's seven freshmen.

The Panthers began the fall campaign with a sweep of their own UNI Classic at Panther Park, Sept. 10-11. UNI beat Marshalltown Community College, Mount Mercy, Upper Iowa and Kirkwood to open the exhibition season 4-0. In all, the Panthers outscored their opponents 31-3 during the two-day event.

Freshman pitcher Monica Wright put together an impressive fall season in her first collegiate action. The Morrison, Ill. native threw 27 2/3 innings in five appearances, giving up only six runs and allowing 15 hits. She twice struck out six batters in a game, including the half-dozen punchouts she recorded in just three innings of work against Mount Mercy on Sept. 10. She capped the exhibition slate with a five-hit, complete-game shutout of Western Illinois Sept. 25.

Cross Country

Freshman Caedryn Schrunk (Spirit Lake, Iowa) led UNI throughout the season. She helped lead the Panther women to a fourth-place finish at the MVC Championships. Schrunk's 17:34.27 time in the 5K earned her a 10th-place finish and all-Missouri Valley Conference honors for

the Panther women. She also was UNI's top finisher at the Midwest Regionals, helping the women place 10th out of 23 teams and 161 runners.

The Panther men finished seventh at the MVC Championships and were led by sophomore Mike Clancy (Iowa City, Iowa), whose time of 25:37.86 in the 8K earned him a 29th-place finish. Senior Alex May (Dubuque, Iowa/Dubuque Senior) finished in 30th.



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Science in plain English

Physics professor Paul Shand believes it is imperative that scientists speak 'plain English' when explaining scientific concepts.

"Scientists often suffer from less developed ways to communicate to the general public. It's extremely important to communicate in simple ways, particularly when asking for funding, so those in government will understand what we're talking about so they agree to the funding," said Shand. "Science is so important to everyday life. It should be communicated in such a way that people understand how science and technology can improve our lives."

The irony is that Shand, who grew up in Jamaica, said oral communication was his biggest hurdle when coming to the United States.

"I had a Jamaican accent and spoke British English. This inhibited oral communication somewhat, just enough to be irritating at times, though I had no trouble understanding American speech. Further, as a new teaching assistant in an entirely new environment, I did not want anything to detract from the learning process during my recitation and lab classes. Thus, I adjusted my accent to be more 'Midwestern.' I've never quite lost my ambivalence about this course of action."

Shand, who has been at UNI since 1992, came to the states in 1986 to attend Purdue University, where he obtained master's and doctorate degrees in physics. "UNI was attractive because this is a teaching-centered institution," he said. "Research is also important, but teaching is what I wanted to do."

He currently teaches introductory physics core courses for physics majors and minors, such as Modern Physics and Physics III: Theory and Simulation, as well as General Physics II.

While he took the "whole spectrum" of physics courses during his college career, his interest is in nanoscience

and magnetic properties. As part of a collaborative research effort between UNI and

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the University of Nebraska, Shand received \$123,000 from the National Science Foundation to investigate "Magnetic Properties of Disordered Rare-Earth Nanostructures."

Along with his colleague, Dr. Diandra Leslie-Pelecky from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and researchers from the Advanced Photon Source at Argonne National Laboratory and Los Alamos National Laboratory, Shand will study crystals to determine how disorder at the atomic level affects the crystals' magnetic properties.

"Permanent magnets are used in electric motors, which are used in commercial appliances like washing machines, dryers and computer disk drives. They are also used in hybrid gas/electric vehicles, which are becoming increasingly popular in efforts to reduce gasoline consumption," said Shand. "If the magnets are more powerful, they can be made smaller so the motors can be more compact and efficient."

The scientists will look at disorder on the scale of one nanometer. Put in perspective, Shand said, "100,000 nanometers equals one strand of human hair."

The three-year project will also support one UNI physics undergraduate student. Shand will integrate his research into UNI's Upward Bound Math and Science program, and present workshops to

middle and high school teachers and high school students about the importance of nanoscale materials.

Shand has written more than 20 research papers and hopes to pursue a patent from the research's outcome. "But I continue to be excited about teaching."

Shand's interest in science began as a young boy when his parents bought him a chemistry set. "One event that really triggered my desire to do physics, though, was when my older brother came home from boarding school. He had started to study physics and was explaining density to me," he said. "It sounded so wonderful to be studying such a thing."

Shand obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of the West Indies in Kingston. It is also where he met his wife, Michelle Mullings-Shand. They have been married 18 years. Mullings-Shand has a master's degree in industrial engineering and works in UNI's Office of Sponsored Programs.

The couple love to travel and have visited many states, but Iowa is where they call home.

"In Indiana, there wasn't a lot of opportunity to interact with people in the community—it was more with people on campus. Iowa is different. Here you have the opportunity to interact with people in the community. They are extremely open and friendly. They come up to me in the grocery store and strike up a conversation. It's a nice thing to experience."

—CJ Hines



Koob announces retirement from UNI presidency

The first alumnus of the University of Northern Iowa to serve as its president, Robert Koob (B.A. '62), announced Oct. 12 that he will leave his position a year ahead of his self-imposed term limit of 12 years, to facilitate hiring of a new provost and vice president for academic affairs for UNI. The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, will conduct a search to replace the 64-year-old Koob, who will remain in his current position until the new president takes over.

"The overriding reason for my decision is that UNI deserves the best provost it can attract," said Koob, who became UNI's eighth president in 1995. "I question the attractiveness to potential candidates of a position this close to the president when the president is near retirement." The position of provost and vice president for academic affairs — UNI's chief academic officer — has been vacant since Aaron Podolefsky left to become president of Central Missouri State University in July 2005. James Lubker, dean of UNI's College of Humanities & Fine Arts, will continue as interim provost until that search can be completed.

Koob requested the Board of Regents grant him a professional development leave that will allow him to be professionally involved in service to UNI and Iowa, but away from the campus, prior to returning to

the UNI chemistry faculty, where he holds the rank of professor. In response, Regents President Michael Gartner announced in November that Koob will become the board's senior adviser for education policy and strategy, a

two-year appointment, developing policies to ease the transition from community colleges to Iowa's public universities.

The Board ratified in December the membership of the UNI Presidential Search and Screen Committee, selected through consultation with campus and community groups. They are: Regents Michael Gartner, Jenny Rokes, Teresa Wahlert and Tom Bedell; Ira Simet, associate professor of chemistry, representing the UNI Faculty Senate; Daniel Power, professor of management information, representing the United Faculty; Joe Murphy, president of the Northern Iowa Student Association; Julia Wallace, dean of the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences; Jessica Moon, director, University Honors Program, representing Professional &



Scientific staff; Mary-Sue Bartlett, secretary in the College of Education, representing Supervisory/Confidential Merit staff; Susan Baker, drafter in facilities planning, representing AFSCME; Joy Corning, alumna and chair of the UNI Foundation Board of Trustees; Steve Dust, president of the Cedar Valley Alliance; and Gary Steinke, Regents executive director, staff for committee. To facilitate broad input into the selection process, Simet, Power and Wallace have been asked to choose an advisory committee comprised of 10 to 20 faculty and staff.

The Search and Screen Committee is developing a description of the position, including qualities, knowledge, skills and abilities required. Members will work with the executive search firm of Korn/Ferry International, whose selection was ratified at the Board's December meeting. Korn/Ferry was retained for the most recent presidential searches at the University of Iowa and Iowa State University, and was one of four firms to seek selection. The committee will evaluate nominations and applications and recommend to the Board at least four prospects who best meet the search criteria. Korn/Ferry proposed a timeline that calls for Board interviews of candidates in late April.

UNI Museums, SUE exhibit named best of 2005

The Iowa Tourism Office and the Travel Federation of Iowa named the UNI Museums and the exhibit "A T. rex Named SUE" the 2005 Attraction of the Year at the Iowa Tourism Conference.



More than 45,000 people visited the exhibit "A T. rex Named SUE" from March through May 2005. The exhibit was



created by The Field Museum, Chicago, and made possible through the generosity of McDonald's Corporation. Visitors came from all over Iowa, 37 other states and 11 foreign countries. The project involved more

than a year of preparation, 350 dedicated volunteers and local community support.

Selection was based on criteria that included outstanding performance of the project, economic impact of the attraction, and the quality and effectiveness of the marketing.

"The University Museum is proud to have brought this 'big museum' experience to Iowa. The project was a success thanks to the efforts of many people who have a commitment to our community and to the education of its people," said Kay Thuesen, public affairs coordinator for UNI Museums.

The UNI Museums and "A T. rex Named SUE" also received the Cedar Valley Tourism's Choice award in May during Tourism Month.

UNI RBC launches MyEntreNet

The University of Northern Iowa Regional Business Center (RBC)/ Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has launched a community-directed, rural business-accelerator initiative called MyEntreNet. Funded by the Grow Iowa Values Fund, MyEntreNet provides rural entrepreneurs help in starting or expanding businesses, and gives rural communities planning assistance to support entrepreneurship.

"The system is based on the premise that entrepreneurs exist outside of urban regions and that, if given access to technical and marketing assistance, community support networks and financial resources, they will create and expand businesses in rural parts of the state," said Maureen Collins-Williams, director of the UNI RBC/SBDC.

Several hundred rural entrepreneurs participated in the system's pilot project in northeast Iowa during the past three years. Four additional regions in the state were selected last fall for a program to begin in January 2006. "In a typical MyEntreNet region, 100 entrepreneurs participate in program services. They will start or expand 20 businesses that create an average of 75 full-time jobs and \$3 million in commercial financing," said Collins-Williams.



State Representative Roger Thomas of Elkader, ranking member of the Iowa House of Representatives Economic Growth Committee, said, "The MyEntreNet pilot program has been a success in my district. It's rewarding to see UNI launch this entrepreneurship program across the state. Iowa's prosperity relies on entrepreneurship, and this program is an exceptional tool for individuals who want to start or grow businesses."

Examples abound: Rich Lukes of Spillville took part in the MyEntreNet pilot to develop a business expansion strategy.

He plans a \$1 million facility near Spillville for custom meat processing and retail sales of organic, ethnic and specialty-processed meats.

Peggy Zumbach of Independence used MyEntreNet classes to start a home-based commercial embroidery operation. It did so well she purchased a competing business and moved it to the city's commercial district.

In New Hampton, Jane Shekleton credited MyEntreNet networking with providing her the confidence to open a second business operation after closing a bakery a few years earlier.

The Board of Regents, State of Iowa, recently approved Grow Iowa Values Fund proposals from the three Regent universities. MyEntreNet was part of UNI's proposal.

"UNI has made a long-term investment in rural economic vitality with the development of MyEntreNet," said Collins-Williams.

For more information, contact the UNI Regional Business Center at (319) 236-8123, e-mail at navigateyourfuture@myentre.net or online at www.myentre.net

UNI alumni eligible for Merchant Scholarship

University of Northern Iowa alumni are eligible to apply for a 2006 Merchant Scholarship. Scholarship recipients must be attending or planning to attend a graduate or professional school at an educational institution in the United States or abroad. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of ability, achievement, moral character, spirit, personality, intellectual promise and service to society.

The scholarships are awarded from a trust established in 1951 to honor Frank Ivan Merchant and his sister, Kate Matilda Merchant. Frank was a professor of Latin and Greek, and served as head of the Department of Foreign Languages at UNI, then Iowa State Teachers College. He lived with his sister, who taught piano lessons until her death in 1942.

Alumni wishing to apply should request an application packet from Barbara Hetrick, Merchant Scholarship Committee chair, UNI Department of Biology, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614 or call (319) 273-2456. Completed application forms, along with transcripts and three letters of recommendation, must be received no later than March 1, 2006.



SHC Grand Opening

David Towle, counseling center and disability services director, and Sue Courts, Student Health Clinic director, untied the ceremonial bow that got grand opening tours underway at the newly renovated Student Health Center during Family Weekend in October.

Former convict warns of ethical traps

Patrick Kuhse's lecture, "Straight From the Heart: An Iowa Ex-Con Talks Business Ethics," was delivered to a rapt audience in the Curris Business Building as part of UNI's Wilson Series in Business Ethics.

Kuhse, an Iowa native and former financial planner and stockbroker in California, became involved in illegal activities and lived as a fugitive in Costa Rica before being incarcerated in a federal penitentiary. He now speaks to students and business people about his story and the dilemmas that can trap the unsuspecting young professional.

"Each of us is faced with moral and ethical dilemmas every day. At times



ethics can be a moving target that hides behind the seductive siren of greed," said Kuhse. His presentation emphasized how to recognize the warning signs before it's too late.

Host of the September event was UNI professor Donna J. Wood, who holds the David W. Wilson Chair in Business Ethics, Iowa's only endowed chair



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in business ethics. UNI's first-ever joint endowed chair, it was established through a \$1 million gift from Laguna, Calif., resident David W. Wilson '70.

Wood holds a joint appointment in the Management Department of the College of Business Administration and the Department of Philosophy & Religion in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Her new book is titled

UNI honors Pioneer Hi-Bred with DM event

This fall UNI organized a luncheon for employees, alumni and parents at Pioneer Hi-Bred International in Des Moines. UNI President Robert Koob and College of Business Administration Dean Farzad Moussavi were among UNI representatives who addressed the group. Along with heavily recruiting UNI graduates, Pioneer has supported the CBA with internships, scholarships, and the Pioneer Hi-Bred International Professorship in Innovation, which is currently held by Lou Honory.

More than 50 UNI alumni at Pioneer include Thomas Phillips (Marketing '66), director of community investment (pictured), and Diane Bridgewater (Accounting '88), vice president and business director of North America operations.



CBA dean Farzad Moussavi (front, center) with staff, alumni and scholarship recipients at the Pioneer Hi-Bred alumni luncheon in Des Moines in September.



Legendary golfer Jack Nicklaus presented \$100,000 to Donna Thompson (middle) and Susan Hudson of the National Program for Playground Safety, following the Stryker Challenge charity golf tournament. Thompson, NPPS director, and Hudson, NPPS education director, attended the golf tournament at the Bear's Club in West Palm Beach, Fla., Nicklaus' home

course, where more than 120 golfers participated in the charity event. Nicklaus, honorary tournament chairman, and Stryker Orthopaedics, teamed with NPPS and orthopaedic surgeons around the world to raise money to make playgrounds safer.

Grassley Ambassadors Tour

Iowa Senator Charles Grassley '55, M.A. '56 annually conducts a tour for ambassadors from around the world so they can experience Iowa and its people first-hand. The Cedar Valley hosted this year's August tour. The senator and his distinguished guests

attended a reception at the UNI's Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, where they learned about the university and the community. The Cedar Falls Tourism and Visitors Bureau helped organize volunteers to host guests overnight in their homes.





Meet Mark Gasteroff, UNI's new Director of Alumni Relations.

NIT: Mark, why did you decide to come to UNI?

It sounds cliché but: Great University. Great People. Great Opportunity.

Alumni Relations is my first love, and when I learned more about UNI (thanks to people like Connie Hansen, Dan Schofield and alumnus Jeff Leibermann), I already had a pretty decent feel for UNI. This felt like a place where I could be part of a team that is making a real difference on many levels.

A real bonus is the opportunity to be at a university with the growing stature of UNI, doing something that I truly enjoy AND getting to move closer to family in South Dakota.

There is a sense of pride here that we found very appealing. I like the new challenges and landscape of a mid-major university that still has a small-campus feel to it.

NIT: What's the short version of your life story?

In a way, life is coming full circle—my father was born in Rock Rapids and his parents are from Iowa, and we still have family in Council Bluffs.

I was born and raised on a college campus. Additionally, practically all of my professional life has involved working in higher education. I graduated from Black Hills State University in 1979, and worked there for eight years before moving to Dickinson State University in North Dakota for five years.

The last 13 years were spent in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan where I started as the first full time alumni director in Lake Superior State University history. At the time of our move to UNI, I was vice president for student life and alumni relations. The move to UNI offers me an opportunity to get back to what I do best and most enjoy.

I bring all sorts of experience to UNI, including admissions, development, alumni, public and university relations, student life and of course, alumni relations. I understand how all of these units can



work together to strengthen a campus.

I've even done radio play-by-play for the schools where I've worked, and really know how even sports broadcasts are important to promoting a campus.

NIT: What is your capsule view of alumni relations in 2006 and beyond, and how has alumni relations changed

during your career?

Alumni have never been more important to a campus. The ideas, energy, time and resources that former students can bring to the table are essential to the life of the university. The university needs to be willing to communicate, to listen and then act on what alumni are telling us.

Alumni relations was just beginning its journey as a true profession when I first started.

Back in the day, you could throw out some chips and beverages, talk with a few folks and be successful. As alumni relations evolved, alumni offices wanted to drive the programs and services for the campus and for their alumni. There was some give and take, but mostly "we" just knew what was right for the campus and for our constituents.

Today, alumni relations is much more collaborative. Rather than always creating and inventing, we adapt existing opportunities to meet needs. Partnerships across campus and off-campus ensure new opportunities and success. I think it is where we should be as a profession—alumni associations and alumni relation offices can help drive the bus if necessary, sometimes steer, other times navigate and sometimes just go for the ride in virtually every aspect of a university's life.

NIT: What motivates you?

Making a difference. Pure and simple.

NIT: What's on your short list of things to do as soon as you get settled into

your new office?

I want to meet as many people as I can, on and off-campus, to get a feel for UNI.

I am reading the history of the campus right now, as I get a grip on who and what have shaped UNI. I want to know the challenges and opportunities from the perspective of the faculty, staff, administration, alumni and students. And I want to attack what we can, as soon as we can. We don't want to wait around while the new guy figures it all out.

Oh yeah, buy a bunch of UNI stuff at the bookstore.

NIT: What are your impressions about UNI? About the state of Iowa?

We really liked the campus and the people we met. The community has a real sense of pride — both in the city and in the university. During our visits, we were looking for one or two things but mostly, did it feel like home? It did. And here we are!

We're looking forward to learning more about our new home state.

NIT: What do you do for fun?

I still try to play hoops as much as possible. At 6'6", I play much shorter these days. The elbows are still sharp; I just can't seem to catch as many people so I can test them out.

I read a lot—sometimes three or four books at a time. I'm a sports nut—especially collegiate athletics. Naturally, as a former deejay, I still like to just crank up the tunes, sit back and soak it in.

We love being a part of a campus and all that it offers. I expect that folks will see us all over the place, and I hope they take the time to introduce themselves.

Alumni Association Seeks Board Members

The UNI Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its board of directors. The board consists of 24-32 directors, representing alumni by graduation decade. The board is responsible for creating and executing the strategic goals of the Alumni Association, including financial planning and programming.



From the Association Chair

During Homecoming weekend 2005, I proudly accepted the gavel as new chair of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. For the past four years, I've commuted from Chicago to Cedar Falls for board meetings. The experience has been well worth it. For the first time since graduation, I've had a reason to associate with UNI on a regular basis.

When I attended the university during the '70s, I was a young wife and mother with a full-time job and two small children. I graduated in 1974, relieved to be finished with writing papers in the middle of the night—after I'd made dinner, washed the dishes and put the kids to bed.

It was a challenge, for sure, but I was ambitious, with a great appreciation for taking on near-impossible tasks. However, I did find out the hard way that a 15- to 17-hour class load, along with family obligations, was more challenge than I needed as a freshman. After that first forgettable semester, I took off the rest of the year and regrouped with the help of the (then) new off-campus facility, the University of Northern Iowa Center for Urban Education (UNICUE). Hundreds, if not thousands, of Waterloo community residents may never have taken regular college classes were it not for UNICUE, providing a jump-start to their college education. Certainly my semester there gave me a chance to slow down the pace, get desirable grades and re-enter UNI with confidence.

My educational experience was excellent and I'll never forget the compassion of some of my UNI professors. One of my favorites, Dr. Keith McKean, a professor in Southern literature, made me a believer with his usual comment, "You're going to be just fine, Barb. You'll do well in whatever you choose." A number of my professors were just as encouraging and their words stayed with me those times when I felt too tired to do school work after doing *home* work. It was all worth it when I made the Dean's List several times before I graduated.

As chair of the Alumni Association, I am extremely uplifted and invigorated by some of UNI's initiatives: for instance,

construction of the McLeod Center is progressing beautifully, along with the alumni pledges for the Alumni Association Hospitality Suite; Northern Iowa's Students First campaign recently announced that some \$112 million was raised in its nationwide campaign, assuring funds for a number of student scholarships and programs; and the various infrastructure improvements just keep going and going.

Indeed it is a great time to be part of the UNI family. As alumni, you have an important role in this family. If you are not already a member of the UNI Alumni Association, join today. Contact the Alumni Association at www.unialum.org or stop by our new campus home, 1012 W. 23rd St., across the street from University Book & Supply.

On a final note, after 17 years as director and president of Alumni Relations, Noreen Hermansen is moving to the Foundation Board as vice president for the UNI Foundation. Noreen has been priceless to the UNI Alumni Association and we love her and will miss her in this office (but we know where to find her). The new Association director joins the organization in January 2006.

Let us hear from you!

Barbara H. Norman

Barbara H. Norman '74



Alumni Events in Review

Chicago

More than 70 alumni and friends attended the annual summer social and Cubs baseball game event held August 30.

Denver

Nearly 100 alumni and friends gathered at the Mountain Ranch Club at Coors Field for an alumni social and Colorado Rockies baseball game September 24.

Des Moines

Alumni in the Des Moines area gathered October 13 for their annual Homecoming Happy Hour. The men's basketball game at the new Wells Fargo Arena November 20 drew a crowd of more than 450 for a pre-game social. The Panther spirit carried over to the game and helped lift the Panthers to a victory over Western Carolina. Don't miss the annual pre-game celebration for the men's basketball game vs. Drake January 28!

Phoenix

Alumni and friends gathered for the Annual Alumni Social and Diamondbacks Game in August. An alumni reception is planned for February – watch your mail for invitations!

UNI Football

The UNI football team made its first trip to the 1-AA national championship game in December 2005. Pre-game events before the semi-final game in San Marcos, Texas, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, brought together Panther fans before two of UNI's biggest games in university history. In addition, game-watch events were held in more than 15 cities across the country during the quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games. More than 8,500 Panther fans made the trip to the championship in Chattanooga, including nearly 300 that traveled on Alumni Association-sponsored chartered flights.

Twin Cities

The Alumni Associations at UNI, Iowa and ISU hosted a joint alumni social before a Twins baseball game August 7.

Upcoming Events:

Washington D.C. – February
Phoenix and Tucson, AZ – February
Basketball MVC Tournaments – March



'34 Anna (Placatka) Soenke, 2-yr., is enjoying good health in her retirement in Camarillo CA. She has an avocado orchard, and likes seeing her three children and four grandchildren.

'38 Alvan Heuring, BA, lives in San Mateo CA. He had been a Catholic priest with parishes in Cedar Falls, Mason City, Evansdale, Belmond and Belle Plaine.

'39 Max Ferguson, BA, lives in Charleston IL. He taught human physiology at Eastern Illinois University for 25 years and wrote two books.

'40 Reta (Morrison) Ferguson, 2-yr., lives in Charleston IL.

'44 Bernadine (Bowers) Mills, 2-yr., lives on her farm and is busy with church, Eastern Star, Legion Auxillary and her family.

'50 Janet (Miller) Mason, BA, lives in Vinton, but winters in Green Valley AZ.

'54 Clara (O'Neal) Hanline, 2-yr., enjoys her retirement with family friends and travel. **Gary Sells**, BA, MA '59, is a professor emeritus at Truman State University, Kirksville MO. He enjoys fishing, golfing and traveling and has four children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'55 Ralph Capitani, BA, was inducted into the Dowling High School Hall of Fame. He is also a hall of fame member of the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum, the IMCA Hall of Fame and the Iowa High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

'56 Ruth (Fellows) Bernhardt, BA, writes that the Class of '56 will have its 50th reunion in 2006. She lives in Rancho Santa Margarita CA.

'57 Darwyn Lumley, BA, was elected vice president of the Society of Automotive Historians for a two-year term. He had been secretary and a committee chair.

'59 Mary (Shold) Stolley, BA, retired from Davenport Community Schools after 23 years in special education.

'60 Dale Gootee, BA, retired as both a manager at John Deere and a department manager at Hy-Vee. He currently is an adjunct instructor and laboratory supervisor for photography and screen-printing.

'61 Patsy (Hollingsworth) Larson, BA, is retired and lives in Green Valley AZ. **Judith (Nelson) McKee**, BA, co-wrote the book *Integrating Instruction: Literacy and Science*. She is an adjunct faculty member of National Louis University and DePaul University, is the supervisor for student teachers in the Chicago area for UNI and is a teacher consultant.

Martha (Usher) Nye, BA, retired from teaching in Iowa and Nebraska after 43 years. The Mid-Prairie Education Association named her Educator of the Year for 2005. She lives in Wellman.

'63 Darrel Hoff, MA, traveled the world, wrote a best-selling astronomy workbook, taught at Harvard and won numerous awards and fellowships along the way. He also taught astronomy at Luther and UNI.

Sharon (Cox) Homan, BA, is a retired family and consumer science teacher. She has four daughters and 11 grandchildren.

Alumni & Friends Network

UNI students often say they love the friendly, personal atmosphere of UNI. Everyone is willing to help out a friend in need, and the result is a college experience filled with many opportunities. Fortunately, that network of Panther support doesn't end with graduation. The Alumni & Friends Network exists to provide a lifetime of support for alumni and current students.

The Alumni & Friends Network is a volunteer program established by the Alumni Association in conjunction with several UNI departments. Through this network, alumni and friends may volunteer to share their talents with current students and alumni by identifying areas where their expertise can best be utilized.

Student recruitment - Help prospective students see the value of a UNI degree. Assist the Office of Enrollment Services in recruiting students to attend UNI.

Regional contact - Volunteer to serve as an area reference or just a friendly face for new graduates and other alumni moving to a new city.

Event volunteer - Represent UNI at a variety of events, including the Des Moines Arts Festival, the College Hill Arts Festival, and the Iowa State Fair.

Legislative advocacy - Become a member of UNITE (UNI Together for Education), a grassroots legislative network that recruits, educates and mobilizes members to deliver the university's key concerns and messages.

Leadership role - Help plan an alumni event or serve on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Career services - Assist the Office of Advising and Career Services with a variety of student initiatives:

-Job shadowing: Offer students the opportunity to learn more about a particular career.

-Internships: Hire UNI students as interns.

-Class presentations: Share knowledge and experience with current students.

-Hiring new graduates: Recruit UNI students as new employees.

For more information, or to join the Alumni & Friends Network, please visit www.unialum.org/network.

Kay (Gosch) Muller, BA, MA '77, had taught for 28 years in several school systems and retired as a media specialist from Humboldt Schools.

'64 Bonita Dostal-Neff, BA, MA '66, is teaching at Sogang University, Seoul, Korea, and the University of Zagreb and Kadar in Croatia. She is a co-author of the book *Public Relations: From Theory to Practice* and is the lay representative on the National Board for the Cable Broadcasting System.

Kathleen (Butler) Fox, BA, has retired as a kindergarten teacher and now volunteers at the museum, school, hospital and hospice.

Lynne (Walther) Meyers, BA, retired after teaching family and consumer science at Mason City's Newman Catholic High School for 21 years. She had also taught at Independence High School and John Adams Junior High School.

'65 Iradge Ahrabi-Fard, BA, MA '66, was invited by the Chinese National Governing Body of Sports, Urumuchi, China, to present his scientific coaching techniques to China's Olympic coaches.

Judith (Dohse) Casey, BA, MA '71, is a technology specialist for Central Elementary School, Hillsborough NC.

Madelyn (Needles) Mayberry, BA, retired from the humanities faculty at Marshalltown Community College, Marshalltown.

Calvin Muller, BA, MA '66, taught social studies at Humboldt High School for 37 years before retiring.

Dennis Searle, BA, retired after 32 years of teaching, most recently at St. Paul Public Schools, Minnesota.

'66 Pat (McClure) Anderson, BA, recently retired after 38 years in education in Iowa, Colorado and Illinois. She has been a high school vocal music teacher, a high school principal, a superintendent of schools and an AEA consultant. She lives in Decorah.

William Donohue, BA, is the executive director of The Special Children's School, a developmental day care center for pre-school aged children with special needs in Winston Salem NC. He had been a vice chancellor for student life in higher education for 30 years.

'67 Carole (Fox) Brown, BA, lives in Davenport with her husband Dennis. **Michael Collins**, BA, retired as activities director for the Norwalk School District. He is now a maintenance worker for the Park and Recreation Department for the City of West Des Moines.

John L. Hodson, BA, continues as organist and cantor at the Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, UAC, Loves Park IL.

Joan (Carlson) Redalen, BA, MA '70, retired as director of instruction for K-12 at the Marshalltown Community Schools. She has been a teacher, consultant, graduate school adjunct professor and administrator during her 36 year career.

Nancy Redman, BA, received her doctor of ministry from United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities. She has served churches throughout the Midwest and has taught kindergarten.

Donald Scoles, BA, published two football history books this year: *Best in the Land: The First Half-Century of Nashua High School Football* and *Onward to Victory: The First Half-Century of Greene High School Football*.

Gary Thelen, BA, retired from teaching and now works for the Iowa Legislature. He's active in the Napoleonic Society of America, having published several articles about the American Bonapartes.

'68 Darline Balm-Demmel, MA, retired from serving as assistant to the bishop in the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Dennis Brown, BA, retired from John Deere and lives in Davenport with his wife, Carole.

Judy (Plambeck) Papesch, BA, is a master gardener living in Tipton.



Alice (Klevjer) Stanek, BA, accepted a teaching position with Four Oaks Independence residential treatment program.

'69 Mary (Secl) Barron, BA, MA '69, retired after teaching and guidance counseling for 26 years. She lives in Oran MO.

Eugene Kline, MA, received the 2005 Outstanding Faculty Award in Professional Service from Tennessee Tech University. He is a professor of chemistry.

Stephen Levey, BA, is the owner/financial advisor of Focus Financial Network, Inc., Lindstrom MN.

Mike Mattis, BA, retired from Northeast Community Schools after teaching biology and chemistry for 33 years. He also coached various sports.

Alfred Papesh, BA, is chief financial officer for ESCP Corp., Davenport. He is a master gardener living in Tipton.

Vicki (DeYoung) Perry, BA, MA '74, retired from teaching at Iowa Lakes Community College, Estherville, after a 31-year teaching career.

Steve Rutz, BA, MA '75, retired from Cascade High School after serving as school administrator and teacher for 35 years. He now is the elementary and junior high principal at East Dubuque IL. He officiates college and high school track meets.

Jerry Stephens, BA, is a superintendent at the Meskwaki Settlement School, Tama.

John Zmolek, BA, is a program manager in the professional services organization of SAP America. He lives in San Mateo CA.

'70 Carol Cordes, BA, was inducted into the New Hampton Schools Athletic Hall of Fame. She retired from the New Hampton Schools after 34 years of teaching, 20 years of coaching and 15 years of officiating volleyball.

Donna (Mann) Hammitt Barry, BA, is the regional director in Sen. Charles Grassley's southwest Iowa office in Council Bluffs. She had been a State of Iowa Representative for seven years.

Larry G. Pagel, BA, MA '75, received the 2005 Collegiate Teacher of the Year Award from the National Business Education Association. He is an associate professor in the College of Business at Northern Michigan University, Marquette. He serves as the national chair of the policies commission for Business and Economic Education,

and is immediate past national president of Delta Pi Epsilon.

Terry B. Yarns, BA, is president of TBY Enterprises, which opened its third restaurant in the Iowa Great Lakes area under its Okoboji Bagel Co. brand.

Albert Yu, BA, MA '71, taught physics in Hong Kong and Singapore for many years, then emigrated to the United States. He taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District before retiring.

'71 Sharon Anderson, BA, retired from the University of Iowa's computing center after 20 years as a consultant.

Mary Sue (Vaughn) Ellinger, BA, MA '88, retired after 31 years as an elementary teacher in Cedar Falls. She serves as the coordinator of the new Fulbright U.S.-U.K. Teacher Exchange Mentoring Program.

Ruth (Wolfgram) Kampe, BA, retired from Northeast Community Schools after teaching special education and fifth-grade for 29 years there.

Linda (Preitauer) Kirchhoff, BA, retired from teaching kindergarten at the Baxter Schools.

John Ryal, BA, retired after 35 years as a vocal music teacher at Franklin Middle School, Cedar Rapids.

Linda Sliefert, BA, retired from teaching seventh- and eighth-grade science at West Middle School, Muscatine. She also had taught in the Peace Corps in South Africa.

'72 Ginny (Ellwood) Bollman, BA, retired after 32 years as a principal in the Grand Forks ND, Public Schools.

Robert Busch, BA, is serving as interim superintendent/elementary principal for Armstrong-Ringsted Schools. He had retired as a superintendent from the Riverside Schools.

Bill Edgar, BA, retired from teaching science and coaching wrestling at the Colfax High School. He had been teaching since 1972.

Barbara (Becklund) Filer, BA, is the director of development for the Iowa Association of School Boards Foundation, Des Moines.

Collette (Hiatt) Keith, BA, ended her teaching career in the Panorama Schools after 32 years. She had been teaching fourth- and fifth-grades.

J. David Markham, MA, wrote two new history books: *Napoleon for Dummies* and *Napoleon and Doctor Verling on St. Helena*. He also won two

literary awards for his two earlier Napoleonic works: *Napoleon's Road to Glory* and *Imperial Glory: The Bulletins of Napoleon's Grande Armee 1805-1814*.

Doyle Miller, BA, retired from teaching and coaching at Colo-Nesco Schools.

Denny Perry, BA, MA '96, teaches at Spirit Lake Middle School.

Bruce Sperry, BA, MA '80, retired from public education after more than 30 years teaching, coaching and administrating in East Union, Gladbrook, Independence and Waterloo West. He continues to be involved in long term care insurance and flex health savings plans while also serving as the vice president of operations for the Waterloo Kings pro basketball team.

'73 Steve Hakeman, BA, a copywriter for Successful Farming magazine, developed a script that is being developed into the movie *Indelible*. The film will likely be entered in the Sundance Film Festival.

Camille (Stephenson) Hogan, BA, was inducted into the Junior Achievement's Cedar Valley Business Hall of Fame. She owns Shorts Travel, Waterloo.

Edward Sawvell, BA, is the assistant varsity and pitching coach at Wilton High School, which won the 2005 2A Iowa State Baseball Championship.

David Seela, BA, received Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year for Southwest Iowa and for the state of Iowa in 2004. He also has a science education business, which creates teacher workshops and elementary curriculum.

Jane Schockenmoehl, BSW, is a program coordinator with Iowa Workforce Development Center Administration, Des Moines. She co-authored *Moving into a Brighter Future: A Worksite Mentoring Program for Welfare Recipients*.

'74 Jean (Jespersen) Bartholomew, BA, is an instructor of English at the College of DuPage, GlenEllyn IL. She recently attended her son's graduation from Dartmouth College.

Neil Dial, BA, was promoted to Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force. He is vice director of intelligence for the U.S. Central Command.

Donald Elder, BA, teaches at Eastern New Mexico State University and chairs the history department. He has written three books and is the broadcaster for all ENMU sports events.

Gail (Vanous) Moon, BA, MA '88, EdD '98, received the Iowa High School Speech Association's Fine Arts Administrator of the Year award. She is principal at West High School, Waterloo.

Kathleen (Haley) Taylor, BA, teaches middle school vocal music in Ottumwa.

'75 Mohamedu F. Jones, BA, is senior counsel with Holland and Knight, Providence RI.

'76 Diane (Braun) Eckhard, BA, is a registered nurse at the McFarland Clinic, Marshalltown.

Yette Girard, BA, who teaches elementary talented and gifted and Title I, was named Educator of the Year at West Lyon Schools.

Greg Pint, BA, retired as vice president of Wells Fargo Bank. He now is self-employed doing financial planning in San Diego CA.

Janette (Barrick) Wade, BA, received the Bishop's Excellence in Education Award from the Diocese of Sioux City for teaching seventh- and eighth-grade math at St. Edmond Middle School, Fort Dodge.

Susan (Meyers) Ward, BA, works at John Deere, Waterloo.

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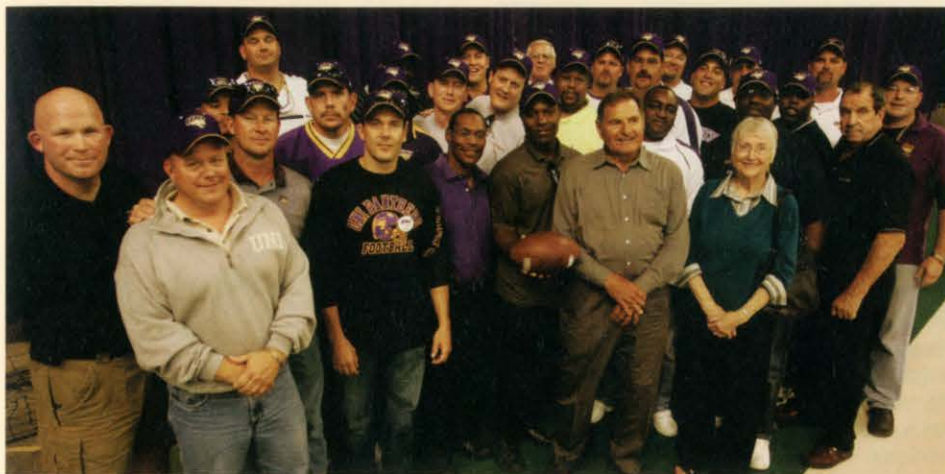
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'85 Football Reunion

Looking like they could still play it tough, a large contingent of players and coaches (including former head coach Darrell Mudra) from UNI's very first I-AA team and first I-AA playoff qualifier gathered on Homecoming weekend to renew old friendships.

'77 Paula (Klotz) Marks, BA, MA '83, moved back to northeast Iowa after she retired from teaching.

Rosemarie (Keller) Skaine, MA, had her biography selected to be part of the 25th silver anniversary edition of *Who's Who in American Women* for 2006-2007.

Kristine (Cheney) Stolba, BA, is an orthopaedic supervisor at St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

'78 Carol (Bielema) Janvrin, BA, is a member of the Windmill Area Development Committee, appointed by the city of Fulton IL.

'79 Ronald Blanchet, BA, is vice president of First Federal Savings Bank of Iowa, Fort Dodge. He had been a controller.

Patrick J. Esser, BA, MA '82, was promoted to president of Cox Communications, Atlanta, GA. He had been executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Dave Kazynski, BA, MBA '81, is president of Homelink, a VGM division, Waterloo.

Thomas Riter, BA, is associate farm director at WNAX radio, AM 570, in Yankton SD, and a member of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters.

Becky (Boehnke) Ziesmer, BA, teaches junior high special education for Waukon Schools.

'80 Bob Fouche, BA, was promoted to regional sales manager at Sun Chemical, out of the Minneapolis area. He covers eight states.

Bill Lawson, BA, MA '90, became the men's and women's track and field coach for Kent State University in Ohio.

Teresa (Keefe) O'Meara, BA, MA '91, was awarded the Governor's Award for Outstanding Service to Iowa's Children. She is an elementary counselor and adjunct instructor at UNI.

Matt Quealy, BA, farms near Nemaha and Newell. He is a partner in Ag Share LLC, which shares farm equipment between four farmers.

Donna (Witt) Small-Mettler, BA, is an administrator at the Chariton Group Home, and recently graduated from Upper Iowa University with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and social studies.

'81 Timothy Carlson, BA, MBA '99, is the accounting and reporting manager COE (RI&I) at Genworth Financial, Richmond VA.

Tamara (Wilson) Kenworthy, BA, is a group account director for the Integer Group, Des Moines. She had worked for the Essman Companies.

Greg Shireman, BA, is the new vice president of marketing and sales at Delta Dental Plan of Iowa, Ankeny. He had been with Marsh McLennan Companies.

Brian Wenger, BA, was promoted to captain in the U.S. Navy. He became the commanding officer of the DCMA Americas.

Kevin L. Williams, BA, was named vice president of propane for CHS Inc., an energy and grain-based food company. Williams, of Midland TX, had been with Duke Energy Field Services.

Dave Ziesmer, BA, MA '86, is the high school principal at Waukon.

'82 Steve Fink, BA, joined the University of South Carolina in Columbia, as director of media relations. He had been Texas Christian University's athletics media relations director and did media for the Kansas City Royals.

'83 Bob Corkins, BA, was selected as the state of Kansas' Education Commissioner. He had been executive director of Free State Center for Liberty Studies and Kansas Legislative Education and Research, which are conservative think tanks in Wichita KS.

Larry Fish, BA, is a senior vice president for U.S. Bank, Cincinnati OH.

Linda (Hertz) Scallon, BA, was a featured artist at the BlueStem Winery and Artisan Mall, Parkersburg, this summer. She lives in Ackley.

'84 Cynthia (Coons) Cone, BA, received her master's degree in education from Morningside College. She continues to teach and coach public speaking at Storm Lake High School. **William Myatt**, BA, MA '90, was inducted into the Iowa and National Educational Theatre Association's Halls of Fame. He is Pleasant Valley School's director of theater and media specialist. **Kim (Bond) Stephens**, BA is an independent marketing executive in Kelley.

'85 Beth (Guetzko) Birdsell, BA, works in advertising for the *Sioux City Journal* and was chosen as an employee of the month for May.

Mike Gootee, BA, is a physician/partner with the Midwest Ear, Nose and Throat Associates, Peoria IL

and also teaches at the University of Iowa.

William Kalkanov, BA, MBA '91, joined First Federal Savings Bank of Iowa, Clive, as vice president/commercial lender.

Steve Kammeyer, BA, was promoted to vice president of Network Relations at Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Des Moines. He had been director of its Health Plan of Iowa, Inc.

Bill Maske, MA, is the superintendent of the Interstate 35 Community School District, south of Des Moines. He had a similar position with the Belmond-Klemme Schools.

Ken Murray, BA, was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his war-time service in Iraq. Lt. Col Murray is chief of wing plans and programs at Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio TX.

John Nordaas, BA, MA '89, is the new West Delaware High School principal. He had been a high school principal in Charles City.

Kathleen (Fettkether) Strauel, BA, is a half-time fifth-grade teacher at St. Athanasius Catholic School, Jesup.

'86 Allison Ketter, BA, is the food service director at Oskaloosa Community Schools. She also owns Paws, Claws and Whiskers, a pet-sitting and grooming business.

Toby Lawrence, BA, was appointed president and chief executive officer of Family Merchants Bank, Cedar Rapids.

Steven Pond, BA, MBA '89, teaches junior high in the Des Moines area.

Danille Slifka, BA Marketing and BA Computer Science, MBA '93, was promoted to vice president of marketing at Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Des Moines. She had been director of marketing.

Scott Tychsen, BA, became the director of aircraft sales and product development at Executive Beechcraft, Kansas City MO.

Karen Waid, BA, MA '89, teaches fifth- and sixth-grade special education in the Howard-Winneshiek Schools.

Bobbie L. Williams, BA, is chief of the Army Operations Center and assigned to the Pentagon, Washington DC.

'87 Barbara (Jacobson) Butler, BA, became the bookkeeper at Northwood Coop Elevator, Northwood.

Sharon (Yilek) Castillo, BA, and her family moved to the New Orleans area.

Pippa (Prieskorn) Fineran, BA, teaches middle school language arts and eighth-grade science at Odebolt-Archer Schools.

Jane Hasek, EdD, retired as chancellor of Allen's College of Nursing in Waterloo. She will stay on at the college in an advisory role.

Lisa (Hiscocks) Loecher, BA, MA '97, is the principal at Jesup Middle School and athletic director for Jesup Schools. She had been a middle school teacher there.

Todd K. Meyer, BA, BA '90, is a middle school principal in Wisconsin Dells WI.

Colin Shillinglaw, BA, was inducted into the Stephenville (Texas) High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He had been head athletic trainer and assistant athletic director for the school. He is the director of football operations for the University of Houston.

'88 Duane Hagerty, BA, joined Wildman Harrold's transactional department and real estate practice, Chicago. He had been a partner in another law office in Des Moines.

Teresa (Keys) Hall, BA, MA '91, head of the engineering technology and management



department at South Dakota State University, Brookings SD, has been selected to serve on the international board of directors for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Michael McGrath, BA, has been in medical sales for 15 years and is with Cytoc Surgical Sales. He also coaches track at Iowa Christian Academy.

James Roberts, BA, published his 10th book, *Darkling I Listen, and for many a time ... and other imaginations*, a collection of his published stories over the past 20 years.

Kelly (Hoepfner) Sirota, BA, was promoted to lieutenant colonel for the U.S. Army. She has earned many awards and citations.

Collin Venenga, BA, was named store director at the Denison Hy-Vee Store.

'89 James Bohy, BA, MA '93, EdD '03, is an associate professor of computer science and coordinator of the computer science program at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant. He had been at Simpson College.

Jill Eitel, BA, received her master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois, Chicago and also her master's degree in public service management from DePaul. She teaches human resources at DePaul, is the faculty liaison for second-year interns at the University of Chicago and is a manager at Aunt Martha's Youth Services.

Kevin A. Hansen, BA, was promoted to copy director for Hellman Associates, Waterloo. He had been senior copywriter.

Amy (Luebbert) Levine, BA, works as a high school family and consumer sciences instructor and teachers' union representative. She completed a master's degree in education at St. Mary's University, Minneapolis MN.

Tom Rupp, BA, teaches sixth- through eighth-grade physical education at MOC-FV Middle School. He had taught at Pocahontas.

Scott Trappe, BA, was appointed to the John and Janice Fisher Chair in Exercise Science at Ball State University, Muncie IN. he is considered one of the nation's top scholars in muscle physiology, working with NASA on the effects of space on muscle.

Michael Ward, BA, works at Nestle Beverage, Waverly.

Susan (Willms) Cantine-Maxson, MA, was inducted into the Iowa High School Speech Association's Hall of Fame. She has retired as a speech teacher at Decorah, but still coaches large groups there.

'90 Tom Blume, BA, teaches health education at Tripoli Schools.

David Cleveland, BA, is the men's track coach at Simpson College, Indianola. He had been the Cedar Falls High School men's track coach.

Bob Hensley, BA, MA '92, is an instructor at Des Moines Area Community College and received the 2004-2005 ISU Teaching Excellence Award.

Kevin Litterer, BA, MA '02, is the secondary principal for Wall Lake View Auburn Schools. He held a similar position at Glidden-Ralston.

Chad Miller, BA, joins First State Insurance, a subsidiary of First State Bank, as an insurance agent in Conrad.

Mike Reyhons, BA, was hired as sales and marketing director for Dyton Creative, Waterloo. He had been manager of rehabilitative services for Covenant Medical Center.

James Schaeffer, BA, joined Professional Office Services Inc., Waterloo, as a senior account executive.

'91 Mathew Cunningham, BA, joined Midwest Region Business Center of



Nancy (L) and Kathy '77 (R) Redfern joined outgoing Alumni Relations Director Noreen Hermansen at a reception in her honor at the renovated Alumni House during Homecoming weekend.

Principal Life Insurance Co. as a financial representative.

Myles (Jeff) Kappelman, BA, received the Elinor Robson Award from the Iowa Council for International Understanding for his contribution to the field. He is a legislative information officer with the Iowa General Assembly and also works with the Legislature's International Relations Committee.

Kristy (Warnke) Oberbroeckling, BA, was named cashier of Northeast Security Bank, Fairbank State Bank and Security National Bank. She recently graduated from the Graduate School of Banking, Boulder CO.

Tammy Ryan, BA, MA '96, received the Newcomer of the Year for 2004-2005 school year from the Iowa Association for Alternative Education.

Steve Tisue, BA, became the human services director at Goodwill Industries, Waterloo. He had been with Black Hawk County mental health services.

David Williams, BFA, showed his work with automotive paint and masonite board at Artspace, a gallery in Billings MT.

'92 Mike Dillon, BA, is director of production art at Strategic America, Des Moines.

Jason Follett, BA, was reappointed by the Iowa Governor and Lt. Governor to the State Historical Society of Iowa Board of Trustees and the Iowa Commission on Latino Affairs. Follett is a field experience program coordinator with the teacher education program at Iowa State University and a library assistant with Hometown Perry, Iowa's Carnegie Library-Museum.

Lawrence "Jack" Hadden, BA, joined the Haynes and Boone, LLP, Houston office as an 'of counsel' attorney. He specializes in corporate benefits and compensation.

Michael Harrington, BA, was promoted to general manager of Dell Oil Co. of Des Moines.

Stacy (Sanders) Helm, BA, teaches eighth-grade math, algebra 1, geometry and statistics at Montezuma Schools.

Thomas Lindaman, BA, was made publisher of Common Conservative.com. He had been a contributor and editor.

Wendy Luker, BA, designs handbags in Astoria, Queens in New York City. Several of her handbags have been seen on NBC's *Crossing Jordan* TV show.

Jocelyn (Kuethe) Moeller, BA, joined the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center at UNI as business operations director.

Steven Neighbors, BA, became director of capital markets for Fidelity Investments Real Estate Group, Boston, MA.

Roland Schmidt, BA, serves as principal in the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn School district. He had been a government teacher at Spirit Lake.

'93 Molly (Schiller) Cormaney, BA, MA '02, is employee development specialist for Cedar Falls Utilities.

Randy Gabriel, BA, joined Des Moines Area Community College as program development director.

Tim Gootee, BA, is assistant vice president at Regions Bank.

Patricia (Wallace) Harrington, BA, celebrated 10 years as a graphic artist with ColorFX, Des Moines.

Brad Laues, BA, is principal at Van Allen Elementary School, North Liberty.

Debra Lilly, BA, became vice president, employee benefits manager for Community National Bank's trust department, Waterloo.

Corey Smith, BA, joined the Wartburg history department faculty. He is pursuing his doctorate in history at the University of Iowa.

Karen Sullivan, became assistant vice president, employee benefits for Community National Bank's trust department, Waterloo.

'94 Angela Barickman, BA, earned a bachelor's degree in computer information systems from Simpson College.

Greg Fangman, BA, was promoted to sergeant assigned to the patrol division for the Waterloo Police Department.

Travis Fleshner, BA, is Union High School's principal. He had been an administrator with Tri-County School District.

Brad Mertens, BA, was promoted to manager and CEO of the Metco Credit Union, Cedar Rapids.

Matt O'Loughlin, BA, MA '97, is the elementary principal at Immaculate Conception-St. Joe's, and the high school principal at Don Bosco High School.

Des (Bebout) Reading, BA, is a professional disc golfer and is a two-time world champion.

Jeff Ritchie, BA, is an attorney in private practice, Marengo.

'95 Brooke Battey, BA, lives in Overland Park KS with her family.

Lisa (Doering) Clayberg, BA, received her master's degree in education from Viterbo University, LaCrosse WI. She lives in Ames.

David Elser, BA, is vice president, northern field crops for Syngenta Crop Protection, Le Claire.

Stacy Feldman, BA, owns MidwestLoan Services, a mortgage company in Cedar Rapids.

Brian Grimm, BA, was promoted to senior lab technician at Crystal Group, Inc., Hiawatha.

Bradley Halverson, BA, was promoted to manager of services, American Airlines, at the Philadelphia Airport.

Steve Mary, BA, was appointed service advisor at Winnebago Industries, Forest City. He has served in other positions with the company.

Eric Rembold, BA, was named associate principal at Shawnee Mission North High School, Overland Park KS, where he previously taught Spanish.

Christine Stewart-Nunez, BA, is working on her doctorate at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, where she teaches in the English Department and works on the America Life in Poetry newspaper column. She recently published a new book of poetry, *The Love of Unreal Things*.

'96 Jill (Wright) Adams, BA, is a lecturer in the department of teaching and leadership at the University of Kansas. She just received her PhD in English education.



Andy Besser, BA, has been named manager of American Prosthetics and Orthotics in Clive and Des Moines. He had been an assistant manager.
Doug Boldt, BA, became the city manager of Tipton. He had been interim city manager and public works director.

Denise (Sievers) Case, BA, is a licensed insurance agent for Independent Insurance Services, Marshalltown. She had been with Hy-Vee and the Principal Financial Group.

Ryan Hanser, BA, senior vice president of Hanser & Associates in West Des Moines, had his firm named one of the top public relations firms in Des Moines by the *Des Moines Business Record*.

Angela (Vlasak) Hilbert, BA, is the chief development officer for Easter Seals Iowa. She earned her CFRE designation.

Catari (Langreck) Leifker, BA, is a stay-at-home mother and a personal fitness trainer, Roscoe IL.

Jamie Meyer, BA, MA '05, is principal at Wilton Elementary School. He had been a first-grade teacher at Tipton.

Jean (Nicholas) Melick, BA, was a featured artist at the BlueStem Winery and Artisan Mall, Parkersburg, this summer. She lives in Cedar Falls.

Brian Moretz, BA, MA '05, serves as assistant principal and athletic director at Maquoketa High School.

Kelli (Townsend) Olson, BA, is project manager for Wells Fargo Home and Consumer Finance Group. She lives in Adel.

Kimberly Patterson, BA, is controller of Prairie Business Credit, Naperville IL.

Jon Pilcher, BA, teaches middle school physical education and is the assistant football coach and the head track coach at Nevada Schools.

Jennifer (Van Cauteren) Prince, BA, started an Internet business selling door knobs, hinges and bathroom accessories.

Brett Reece, BA, became the game warden for the state of Iowa, working in Tama and western Benton counties.

Denis Winkelpleck, BA, is a customer service representative for Affina, Waterloo.

'97 Ann (Broghammer) Boileau, BA, joined the medical staff at Hancock County Memorial Hospital as a family practice physician.
Craig Goecke, BA, BA '05, teaches industrial arts at Ventura Schools.

Tony Hiatt, BA, MA '97, is the principal at Bridgeview School, LeClaire. He had been an associate principal and teacher.

Amy (McDonald) Moine, BA, is the principal at both Sumner Durant Elementary School and Fredericksburg Elementary School.

Ruth (Chodur) Pottratz, BA, lives in New Orleans, but stayed with her family in Iowa during Hurricane Katrina.

Roxanne Rowedder, BM, traveled to Germany this fall as the Wagner Society of New York's Voice Award Winner.

Mark Rustan, BA, was named principal at Bob Beard Elementary School, San Antonio TX. He had been a fifth-grade teacher and assistant principal at other schools.

Jason Sloan, BA, joined East Bay Anesthesiology Medical Group, Oakland CA.

'98 Travis Broell, BS, joined Hall and Hall Engineers, Hiawatha, as a design technician.

Stacy (Taylor) Brown, BA, teaches seventh- and eighth-grade language arts and coaches high school volleyball and middle school girls' basketball at Sioux Central Schools, Sioux Rapids.

Jolene (Gorzney) Comer, BA, is the elementary and middle school principal at Sully.

Ben Dvergsten, BA, is a trust officer at Security Trust and Savings Bank, Storm Lake.

Joe Greene, BA, is manager of store operations at the Hy-Vee Drugstore, Marshalltown.

Ryan Jacobs, BA, works for Scheel's All Sports and is head softball coach at Cedar Falls High School.

Kyle Kepler, BA, MA '04, has become the head women's cross country and track coach at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City. He had been UNI's head men's and women's cross country coach.

Justin Parson, BA, teaches high school math and coaches cross-country, girls' basketball and track at La Porte City Schools. He has earned his second Teacher of the Year award.

'99 Heather Bjella, BA, is a partner in The Taste of Wine, LLC, which offers wine, food and cultural tours through Tuscany.

Blake Campbell, BA, joined the Iowa State University Foundation as associate director of development, annual and special gifts. Campbell had been with Drake University's development office.

Margaret Empie, MBA, was appointed head of the Wartburg College Dining Services. She had been assistant director of catering and retail services at UNI.

Molly Graettinger, BA, teaches Spanish at Spencer High School, and is an instructor for the local Sylvan Learning Center. She was nominated for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Soledad Hess, BA, a counselor at Tanager Place, Cedar Rapids, is a tsunami volunteer in Phuket, Thailand. She was overseas for three months.

Kristi (Olson) Nielsen, BA, became the executive assistant at Peterson Genetics Inc., Waterloo. She had been with US Bank.

Thomas O'Shea, BA, MA '01, is the dean of students and director of student life at Cornell College, Mount Vernon. He had been director of undergraduate admissions at Creighton.

Lindsey Rice-Cornwell, BA, MA '05, received the 2005-2006 Outstanding Elementary Educator Award from the Iowa World Language Association. She is an elementary teacher in West Des Moines.

William Vit, BA, was ordained into the priesthood this summer through the Catholic Diocese of Sioux City. He will finish with a final year of study in Rome before receiving an official assignment.

Kathleen (Woodley) Willems, BA, teaches Title 1, K-5, at Dysart Elementary.

'00 Gretchen (Fenneman) DeVore, MA, is the new principal at Waterville Elementary School. She had been with the West Hancock Schools.

Brandy (Fisher) Feldman, BA, is a credit analyst at Rockwell Collins, Cedar Rapids.

Brent Hinson, BA, was named Garner's city administrator. He had been city clerk and chief financial officer for Iowa Falls.

Jill (Lerdal) Neas, BA, is a special education teacher at Jefferson Scranton Schools.

Cory Oelberg, BA, was selected employee of the year and received the Governor's Golden Dome Award. He is an information technology specialist in the Department of Administrative Services, Governor's Office for the State of Iowa.

Jennifer (Taft) Paige, BA, MSW '02, co-founded BearFox Productions, which has received approval from the Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners as a continuing education sponsor. She works extensively in east central Iowa on various issues.

Angie (Sommerlot) Paxson, BA, is the fitness director for the Community Y, Marshalltown.

Suzanne Schwartz, BA, MSW '02, co-founded BearFox Productions, which has received approval from the Iowa Board of Social Work Examiners as a continuing education sponsor. She works extensively in east central Iowa on various issues.
Christy (Cushion) Shaw, BA, teaches eighth-grade reading and language arts and seventh-grade religion at Don Bosco. She had taught at St. John's.

John Turk, BA, was promoted to senior manager/market and product planning at Yellow Book USA, Cedar Rapids.

Vic Vanderpool, BA, teaches high school special education/behavior disorders, Webster City.

DeAnn Woodin, BA, joins the University of Iowa volleyball program as the director of volleyball operations. She had been head volleyball coach at Kirkwood Community College.

Laura (Tutskey) Zielinski, BA, is a reminiscence coordinator at Sunrise Senior Living's Alzheimer unit, West Hartford CT.

'01 Troy Allen, BA, was appointed assistant vice president and retail services officer at Farmers Trust and Savings, Williamsburg. He had been with Wells Fargo.

Jessica Beem, BA, is an early childhood special education teacher at Monticello Schools.

Bryan Berg, BA, teaches seventh-grade geography at Chariton Middle School.

Jeff Danielson, BA, MPP '04, was elected to the Iowa Senate for a four-year term. He is a Cedar Falls firefighter.

Nathanael Dirks, BA, graduated as valedictorian from the University of Tennessee's Health Science Center College of Pharmacy. He is pursuing his PhD in pharmaceutical science.

Rebecca Feldman, BA, received a master's degree in education from Iowa State University, and works for the State of Iowa's Iowa College Student Aid Commission.

Douglas Jansma, BA, who was a customer service and sales representative at Citibank, has enrolled in the physical therapy assistant program at Lake Area Tech, Watertown SD.

Valerie Johnson, BA, together with a group of UNI theater alums, formed the theatre company Bad Attitude Productions. She is the resident playwright, and they've produced *Oedipus Wrecks: Shakespeare & Sophocles' Excellent Adventure*, performed in Minneapolis MN.

John Joynt, MA, is superintendent at Emmetsburg Community Schools. He attended there as a student, served as a teacher and then principal before taking the superintendency.

Comis Loken, MA, joins the math department at Ventura Schools.

Andrew McCormick, BA, teaches art at Sunset Heights, Pleasant View and at the high school, Webster City.

Kathryn Murphy, BA, graduated with her doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Des Moines University. She is interning with St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital of Macomb, outside of Detroit MI.

Karla Puettmann, MA, teaches kindergarten at Van Allen Elementary School, North Liberty.

Staci Williams, BA, teaches fourth-grade at Myrtle Beach (SC) Intermediate School. She received the South Carolina State Superintendent's Service Learning Award for her classes' efforts to help the loggerhead turtle population along Myrtle Beach. The class published a book, *I Carreta*, with the proceeds going to fund public service announcements along the beach.

'02 Lisa (Konzen) Bartholomew, BA, teaches fifth-grade at Nichols Elementary, San Antonio TX.



Rebecca Droste, BA, and **Tom Fagerholm**, BA, together with a group of UNI theater alums, formed the theatre company Bad Attitude Productions. She is the producer/resident artist, and he is a resident artist. They've produced *Oedipus Wrecks: Shakespeare & Sophocles' Excellent Adventure*, performed in Minneapolis MN.

Ann (Phillips) Hansen, BA, teaches junior high resource and at risk at Armstrong-Ringsted Schools.

Rebecka Kuhn, BA, is in San Antonio TX, teaching geography at Clark High School.

Katie (Corkrean) Linde, BA, teaches elementary guided reading and at-risk, as well as coaches varsity volleyball in the Armstrong-Ringsted Schools.

Katie (Noring) Nyberg, BA, is teaching fifth-grade for the Ankeny Schools.

Emily (Charley) Reiners, BA, joined the law firm of O'Connor & Thomas P.C. as an associate attorney.

Julie Rutz, BA, teaches a combined fourth- and fifth-grade class at Cascade Elementary.

Marty Sutherland, BA is an assistant baseball coach for the UNI baseball team.

Sarah E. Young, BA, became an investment specialist at Banc of America Investments, Seattle WA.

'03 Kim (Lucas) Anderson, BA, is the K-5 Resource Room teacher at Sully Schools.

Adam Bock, BA, teaches fifth-grade reading at Steubing Elementary, San Antonio TX.

Erin Brincks, BA, opened her store, Blond Genius, a high-end fashion boutique near Jordan Creek Mall, West Des Moines. She had worked in marketing and design at Land's End.

Steve Bruere, BA, set up a DealYourOwn.com/Peoples Company in the Cedar Valley. It is an a la carte real estate service.

Clint Clark, Justin Hossle, Aaron Konigsmark, Ben Layne, and Chris McGahan, all BAs, with other UNI theater alums, formed the theatre company Bad Attitude Productions. Clark is the resident artist/company secretary, Hossle is the administrative assistant/webmaster, Konigsmark and Layne are resident artists and McGahan is the producer/director. They've produced *Oedipus Wrecks: Shakespeare & Sophocles' Excellent Adventure*, performed in Minneapolis MN.

Lorraine (Stamp) Duitsman, BA, MA '05, teaches high school English classes at Denver High School. She had taught at UNI and Hawkeye Community College.

Wendy Foreman, BA, was a contestant on the TV game show program "Wheel of Fortune" this fall.

Erin Hoskins, BA, teaches seventh-grade history at Zachry Middle School, San Antonio TX.

Lisa Kinsel, BA, works in benefit verification for Homelink, Waterloo.

Jolene Kueter, BA, attends the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in the counseling education master's program.

John Lickteig, BA, is an account representative at the Straub Corporation.

Shannon (Crosier) McCarty, BA, teaches high school special education at Keokuk.

Andy McQuillen, BA, BA '04, is a business teacher at Union High School, La Porte City.

Debbie Mekkelsen, BS, is serving with the 42nd Infantry Division near Tikrit, Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Adam Mellem, BA, BA '05, joined the Cedar Valley Community Church as worship arts director.

Heather (Jones) Ruiz, BA, teaches third-grade at Esparza Elementary, San Antonio TX.

Melinda Streif, BA, is a kindergarten teacher at Sac City Schools.

Casey Sutter, BA, became the director of the Franklin Wellness Center, Hampton.

Beth Tebbe, BA, teaches fifth-grade math and science at Locke Hill Elementary in San Antonio TX.

Tracy Tostenson, BA, works at Wells Fargo Bank, Waterloo.

Heather Urban, BA, is the K-12 guidance counselor for Missouri Valley Schools.

'04 Danika Angel, BA, teaches third-grade at Steubing Elementary in San Antonio TX.

Mikkell Baker, BA, teaches third-grade at MOC-FL schools. She had been substituting for the district.

Brooke Bartness, BA, works in the corporate sales department for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Michael Canady, BA, is the MIS director at Peterson Genetics Inc., Waterloo.

Meagan Cory, BA, teaches fourth-grade at Franklin.

Jamie Humpal, BA, teaches first -grade at Ott Elementary, San Antonio TX.

Michelle Isenberg, BA, teaches fifth-grade at Colby-Glass Elementary, San Antonio TX.

Molly (Movall) Jansen, BA, joined the Urbandale Police Department and is attending the Police Academy.

Tressa Kennedy, BA, works with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps to provide help in areas of need. When her term is completed, she plans to attend graduate school at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

Kristen McCann, BA, teaches second-grade at Clarinda Schools.

Erran Miller, BA, is a firefighter/paramedic for the Mason City Fire Department and a Realtor.

Ryan Neumann, BA, joined the Urbandale Police Department. He attends the Police Academy and is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at Drake.

Gabrielle Recker, BA, is teaching middle and high school English at Allamakee Community Schools.

Curtis Rubendall, BA, teaches high school industrial technology at Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn Schools. He had taught at Moravia Schools.

Sara Schmidt, BA, is a territory manager for Hormel Foods Corp., Denver CO.

Elizabeth (Weber) Schminke, BA, teaches seventh- and eighth-grade special education at North Tama, Traer.

Ben Schooley, BA, is the eighth-grade social studies teacher at Chariton Middle School.

Rodney Schumacher, BS, is a project manager and estimator for Portzen Construction, Dubuque. He had been with Peters Construction Corp., Waterloo.

Kammy Shay, BA, teaches third-grade at Palo Alto Elementary, San Antonio TX.

Kylie Struve, BA, is teaching fifth-grade in the Monticello Schools.

Mike Studd, MA, became the high school principal at Gladbrook-Reinbeck Schools. He had been with the Lynnville-Sully Schools.

Tim Trumbull, MBA, is in charge of the environmental aspects at the John Deere Foundry, Waterloo.

Grant Waltz, BA, joined United Group, Red Oak, and handles personal lines and crop insurance sales for southwest Iowa.

Dixie Ward, BA, is teaching grades K-1 special

education (behavior disorders) at McKinley Elementary, Muscatine.

'05 Jennifer Arnold, MPP, is working for the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Lindsey Aronson, BA, is teaching secondary mathematics at South Tama High School, Tama.

Troy Brown, BA, teaches industrial technology at Union High School, La Porte City.

Meagan Cory, BA, is teaching fourth-grade at Franklin Elementary, Boone.

Jared Diers, BA, teaches industrial technology classes for the Allamakee Community Schools.

Abby Donnenwerth, BA, is the convention sales manager at the Waterloo Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Kelli Dostal, BA, is teaching Spanish at South Tama Middle School, Tama.

Megan Duvall, BA, is the elementary art teacher at Ventura.

Dixie Fleege, BA, joined Darning Pixels Inc.

as a graphic designer and infographic specialist in Waterloo.

Brian Hostetler, BS, is a project engineer with Peters Construction Corp., Waterloo.

Mitchell Marine, BA, is teaching science at the Webster City High School.

Wade Roberts, BA, joined the Mudd Group, Cedar Falls, as a client services representative.

Stacy Schmidt, BA, teaches fifth- and sixth-grade math, science and technology and is the middle school volleyball and girls' basketball coach in the Schleswig Schools.

Anna Spanhut, BA, teaches Spanish at the Sumner-Fredericksburg Schools.

Lacy Sprung, BA, is teaching sixth- and eighth-grades at Bedford Middle School.

Matthew Stangl, BA, joined VGM Financial Services, Waterloo, in the customer service and collections department.

Michele Tausz, BA, teaches sixth-grade reading, language arts and math in the Armstrong-Ringsted Schools.



Hostetler '05

Marriages

'50s Neil Clapp BA '57 MA '67 & Mary Timpany MA '74

'60s Phyllis Bjork BA '66 & Ed Begunck

'70s Rebecca Klatt BA '78 & Brian Kuhlman

'80s Doris Berkle BA '81 & Kelley Perego

'90s Lisa Raine BA '91 MA '95 & Christian Lewison Gregory Becker BA '92 & Cindy Wright Devin Rice BA '92 & Shelley Whitehill Adrienne Reed BA '93 MA '98 & William Prince Chris Theil BA '93 & Jennifer Vogel Melissa Ehmen BA '94 & Tommy Justice Pamela Hobart BA '94 & Jeffrey Douglas Ann Holtz BA '94 & Thomas Ogoreuc Troy Miller BA '94 & Urska Hudnik Christopher Wyatt BA '94 & Laurie Meyer BA '97 Jim Bahr BA '95 & Denise Johnson Karylyn Bruhn BA '95 & Trent Miller Heather Hegefild BA '95 & Brian Lohman Denise Johnson BA '95 & Jim Bahr Mark Madetzke BA '95 & Staci Madetzke Kari Murphy BA '95 & Sandro Garcia Kelly Stone BA '95 & Brian Larson Aaron Greenway BA '96 &



Schumacher '04



Gleyser Aguirre **Thomas Butler** BA '97 & **Dawn Butler** BA '97 **Tony Hiatt** BA '97 MA '02 & **Heather Wallace** BA '02 **Jennifer Keenan** BA '97 & **Michael Swann** **Tami Oleson** BA '97 & **Chris Koehle Jodie Ouversen** BA '97 & **Marc Pick Kevin Peterson** BA '97 & **Lindsay Elliott Lisa Reynolds** BA '97 & **Andrew Kerley Jennifer Stull** BA '97 & **Chad Nation Carrie Behounek** BA '98 & **Lucas Sherman Mariah Dieters** BA '98 & **John Canny Brian Kegler** BA '98 & **Kaci Baars Jolene Kopriva** BA '98 & **Kip Manibhal Travis Kramer** BA '98 MA '02 & **Jill Walkinshaw Jason Oberheu** BA '98 & **Deveny Espinoza Stephanie Ruden** BA '98 & **Donald Colton Stacy Taylor** BA '98 & **Corey Brown Kris Voss** BA '98 & **Troy Daufeldt Brandi Athey** BA '99 & **Anthony Bradley Ryan Barker** BA '99 & **Dana Vrbisky** BA '02 **Brenda Havermann** BA '99 & **Brent Peatrowsky Kory Mattoon** BA '99 & **Teresa Klauer** BA '99 **Emily Mulgrew** BA '99 & **Brian Snyder Robyn Wood** BA '99 & **Michael Groff**

'00 **Julie Baedke** BA '00 & **Ryan Cripe** **Melanie Becker** BA '00 & **Colin Klose** **Carrie DeMeulenaere** BA '00 & **Bradley Wilson Shawn Federn** BA '00 & **Candice Meester** BA '01 **Gina Hird** BA '00 & **Brian Swanson Kari Jung** BA '00 & **Joe DeJong Joshua Minnie** BFA '00 & **Emily Lambertsen BFA** '00 **Jill Schaapveld** BA '00 & **Mike Church Allison Sievers** BA '00 & **Mark Petersen Nicole Tremel** BA '00 MA '04 & **Andrew Juranek Laura Tutskey** BA '00 & **Mark Ziellinski Mark Wehr** BA '00 & **Melisa Reese**

'01 **Jason Arduser** BA '01 & **Kellie Cook** **Melanie DeArmond** BA '01 & **Victor Gao Andrew Drenner** BS '01 & **Sara von Mosch Jennifer Faust** BA '01 & **Brian Siracusa Scott Gordon** BS '01 & **Gail Cox Darren Helm** BA '01 & **Nicole Spettel** BA '01 **Jennifer Kirschman** BA '01 & **Bryan Mulvaney Keri Kluver** BA '01 & **Brad Renze Trace Landers** BA '01 BS '04 & **Heather Kube** BA '02 **Kevin Langel** BA '01 & **Kathryn McNally** BA '01 **Joseph Leto** BA '01 & **Sara Oakland Alissa Murphy** BA '01 & **Aaron Kunert Joshua Newmister** BA '01 & **Brenda Koehler** BA '00 **Abby Oglesby** BA '01 & **Frank Remund Emily Pedersen** BA '01 & **Stephen McGregor Mike Soppe** BA '01 & **Kristin McCulloh Jason Stille** BA '01 & **Lisa Zubrod** BA '01 MA '03 **Andy Stonewall** BA '01 & **Melany Moeller** BA '01 **Patrick Wubbena** BA '01 & **Laurie Tilges**

'02 **Melissa Buelow** MA '02 & **Matthew Kane Brian Gabel** BA '02 & **Angela Doonan** BA '02 **Joshua Giesemann** BA '02 & **Kristi Moser** BA '01 **Lindsay Harrison** BA '02 & **Jason Grow Melissa Jackson** BA '02 & **Michael Bird Nicholas Manwarren** BA '02 & **Kelly Crinnigan Melanie Menster** BA '02 & **Ryan Stuntz Leah Monroe** BA '02 & **Victor Rohrbach Mark Opheim** BS '02 & **Courtney Parviz Nick Pfeiffer** BA '02 & **Hollie McClellan Melanie Proctor** BA '02 & **Matthew Bryan Ryan Rezac** BA '02 & **Katie Lewis** BA '05 **Terry Tilges** BS '02 & **Natalia Schadt** BA '03 **Brian Uglum** BA '02 BA '05 & **Erin Smith** BA '03 **Nick Webster** BA '02 & **Erin Cook Wade Welsh** BA '02 & **Stephanie Bissell** BA '02 **Nikole Yoder** BA '02 & **Christopher Mandy Andrew Zahn** BA '02 & **Kimberly Theulen** BA '03

'03 **Sean Asada** BA '03 & **Jocelyn Holmes** BA '02 **Aaron Burds** BA '03 & **Mindy Pins Chad Clark** BS '03 & **Jennifer Stephens** BS '01 **Emily Delagardelle** BA '03 & **Dean Noland Jessica Frank** BA '03 & **David Leighton Amanda Gerken** BA '03 & **Tanner Stoner Megan Granner** BA '03 & **Kevin Warburton Melanie Haaland** BA '03 & **Nicholas Hegdal Sarah Heims** BA '03 MA '05 & **Eric**

Ries James Hocking BA '03 & **Cara Graver** BA '03 **Nicholas McGovern** BA '03 & **Amy Slickers** BA '96 **Jamie Mihalevich** BA '03 & **Fredrick Leichty Brandon Rost** BA '03 & **Courtney Weakland** BA '02 **Rebel Saffold** BA '03 & **Sarah Bjorklund** BA '00 **Ryan Sealock** BA '03 & **Jodie Knebel** BA '02 **Adam Steenhard** BA '03 & **Lisa Brandt** BA '03 **Elizabeth Stensland** BA '03 & **Todd Foelske Elizabeth Teisinger** BA '03 & **Aaron Sievers Kara Thompson** MA '03 & **Ryan Bryte Libby Wingert** BA '03 & **P J Vaske**

'04 **Benjamin Bailey** BA '04 & **Kelly Weaver** BA '04 **Jaime Boots** BA '04 & **Jeremy Suiter Joshua Brungardt** BA '04 & **Stephanie Bard Ben Chiochon** BA '04 & **Kristin Eggers** BA '03 **Marsha Cloos** BA '04 & **Brad Abbott Miranda Cole** BA '04 & **Jered Bratland Becky Deutmeyer** BA '04 & **Blake Williams Josie Einck** BA '04 & **Andrew Burg Christopher Farghum** BA '04 & **Holly Linderman** BA '05 **Becky Frazier** BA '04 & **Jim Whitt Scott Gaskill** BA '04 & **Jenna Sankey** BA '05 **Phillip Grothus BFA** '04 & **Kelley Wilkinson** BA '04 **Nathan Gruber** BA '04 & **Anne Hansen** BA '02 **Jordan Henrichs** BA '04 & **Kelli Henning** BA '04 **Jennifer Herman** BA '04 & **Kirby Marquart Jessica Huff** BA '04 & **Matt Steils Kerri Jeffries** BA '04 & **Matt Nash Callie Kromminga** BA '04 & **Michael Ehrisman Gregory Meyers** BA '04 & **Bea Botthurath Jennifer Nelson** BA '04 & **Nick Decker Jessica Ney** BA '04 & **Jeremiah Van Dyke Tara Nieland** BA '04 & **Chad Wilcox** BA '05 **Michael Nixon** BA '04 & **Hayley Slater** BA '05 **Kirsten Nordstrom** BA '04 & **Benjamin Arnold Matthew Olson** BA '04 & **Anne Tubbs** BA '02 **Molly Pisarik** BA '04 & **Scott Wilcox Bradley Rupp** BA '04 & **Christine Shinstine** BA '04 **Kaye Sparks** BA '04 & **Ryan Chiles Amy Thompson** BA '04 & **Daniel Pritchard Ann Tray** BA '04 & **Jeff Pottratz Scott Vaske** BS '04 & **Sandra Rolwes** BA '04 **Austin Williams** BA '04 & **Jessica Semsch**

'05 **Cassie Aalderks** BA '05 & **Landon Schrage Valerie Berger** BA '05 & **Kent Greiner Billie Grabill** BA '05 & **Joshua Gessmann Joshua Halverson** BA '05 & **Diann Merfeld Julie Lawyer** BA '05 & **Nathan Klocke Ann McNeil** BA '05 & **John Cannon Stephen Mulligan** BS '05 & **Carrie Gatto Jenny Naylor** BA '05 & **Tyler Rohrbach Adam Ott** BA '05 & **Michelle Nielsen** BA '04 **Stephanie Roys** BA '05 & **David Eberling Joshua Sankey** BA '05 & **Diana Elson Lee Schmitz** BA '05 & **Sandrine Lhomet Brooke Schwab** BA '05 & **Drew Kupka Benjamin Seibert** BA '05 & **Melissa Waters Erik Shook** BS '05 & **Sara Steffen** BA '05 **Jason Siemens** BA '05 & **Nicole Barta** BA '04 **Meesha Weber** BA '05 & **Monte Kelly Carrie White** BS '05 & **Jason Plymnesser Douglas Wilkinson** BA '05 & **Staci Cramer** BA '04 **Angela Ziesman** MA '05 & **Eric Scott**

Births

'80s **Denice Evans Ostrander** BA '88 & **Bruce Ostrander**, Urbandale Iowa, son Russell born 6/2/2004. **Michelle Gardner Ramthun** BA '89 & **Randy Ramthun**, Fort Dodge Iowa, son Justin born 8/16/2005.

'90s **Dianne Hartman** BA '90 & **Robert** **Laures**, Clarksville Iowa, son Eric born 5/31/2004. **Tim Pezzetti** BA '90 & **Chris Pezzetti**, Colo Iowa, son Cross born 9/12/2005. **Julie Andersen Starnes** BA '90 & **Steve Starnes**, Marion Iowa, son Will born 1/1/2005. **Christina**

Scholl BA '91 & **Sharon Rosenberg Scholl**, St. Paul MN, son Ian born 10/15/2004. **Gregory Becker** BA '92 & **Cindy Wright Becker**, Cedar Rapids Iowa, son Braden born 6/4/2002. **Karrie Feldmann Dunkel** BA '92 MA '00 & **Neal Dunkel**, Manchester Iowa, son Aaron born 2/13/2004. **Jocelyn Kueth Moeller** BA '92 & **Nathan Moeller**, BA '84, Tripoli Iowa daughter Rachel born 10/17/2004. **Darla Stevenson Sharar** BA '92 MA '94 & **Lance Sharar**, Iowa Falls Iowa, daughter Angelia born 3/15/2005. **Robert Davies** BA '93 & **Jennifer Davies**, Ankeny Iowa, son Parker born 11/30/2004. **Allen Eden** BA '93 & **Jenny Eden**, Clear Lake Iowa, daughter Brooklynn born 4/8/2005. **Heidi Luedeking Gegax** BA '93 & **Chris Gegax**, Minneapolis MN, daughter Katelyn born 11/4/2005. **Patricia Wallace Harington**, BA '93 & **Michael Harrington**, BA '93, Milo Iowa, son Jordan born 3/10/2005. **Rita Cameron Schuchmann** BA '93 & **David Schuchmann**, BA '92, Cedar Rapids Iowa, daughter Alexandra born 11/30/2004. **Debra Hall Hartman** BA '94 & **James Hartman**, Woodbury NJ, daughter Kelly born 5/2/2005. **Shannon Marie McClintock Miller** BA '94 & **Robert Miller**, Van Meter Iowa, son Hagan born 4/29/2005. **Lori Kool Eekhoff** BA '95 & **Eric Eekhoff**, Des Moines Iowa, son Elijah born 10/20/2004. **Ryan Fagen** BA '95 & **Sarah Fagan**, Shawnee Mission KS, son Issac born 8/22/2005. **Sharie Greif**, BA '95, Cedar Rapids Iowa, daughter Amelia born 7/4/2005. **Jennifer Erbe Kennedy** BA '95 & **Wesley Kennedy**, Athens AL, son Adam born 7/6/2005. **Mark Madetzke** BA '95 & **Staci Seavert Madetzke**, Ankeny Iowa, daughter Sydney born 7/5/2005. **Kathryn Lillegren Miller** BA '95 & **Mark Miller**, Johnston Iowa, daughter Meredith born 9/2/2005. **Shelly Kann Hall**, BA '96 & **Zane Hall**, Jacksonville AR, daughter Ella born 6/2/2005. **Stephanie Scarrow Hubbard** BA '96 & **Jeremy Hubbard**, Minneapolis MN, son Trevor born 3/17/2005. **Kathleen Nielsen Leo** BA '96 & **Anthony Leo**, Des Moines Iowa, son Jake born 6/20/2005. **Catari Langreck Liefker** BA '96 & **Jamie Liefker**, Roscoe IL, son Jonah born 6/6/2004. **Meridith Mueller Anderson** BA '97 & **Mark Anderson**, Morrison IL, daughter Emma born 5/5/2003. **Kirk Arbuckle** BA '97 & **Tamara Arbuckle**, Grimes Iowa, daughter Taylor born 3/30/2005. **Jennifer Wood Lindley** BA '97 & **Brandon Lindley** BA '96, Rogers MN, daughter Kara born 2/1/2005. **Jennifer Wheeldon Pearce** BA '97 & **John Pearce**, Council Bluffs Iowa, son Hunter born 10/18/2004. **Ruth Chodur Pottratz** BA '97 & **Dan Pottratz**, Gretna LA, son Atticus born 9/15/2005. **Nicole Bagenstos Schuchart** BA '97 & **Ross Schuchart** BA '96, Ankeny Iowa, son London born 9/16/2003. **Marne Helm Sievers** BA '97 & **Darren Sievers** BA '97, Carlisle Iowa, daughter Riley born 2/10/2005. **Michelle Tosel Wendel** BA '97 & **Jeffrey Wendel** BA '93, Ankeny Iowa, daughter Katelyn born 3/19/2005. **Jay Anderson** MA '98 & **Wendi Anderson**, Becker MN, son Elijah born 10/1/2005. **Kelli Kramer Angley** BA '98 & **Ted Angley**, Council Bluffs Iowa, son Jack born 5/21/2005. **Stacy Taylor Brown** BA '98 & **Corey Brown**, Sioux Rapids Iowa, son Landon born 5/23/2005. **Teresa Manley Cauwels** BA '98 & **Jeremy Cauwels** BA '96, Shawnee Mission KS, son Gannon born 4/7/2005. **Kim Anliker Hartman** BA '98 & **Herb Hartman** BA '99, West Des Moines Iowa, son Carter born 9/21/2004. **Eric Johnson** BA '98 & **Jennifer Johnson**, Kansas City MO, daughter Ava born 11/25/2004. **Tonya Weidemann Davis** BA '99 & **John Davis**, St. Charles MO, son Tyler born 4/16/2005. **Trena Robinson Dodd** BA '99 & **Reece Dodd**, Belle Plaine Iowa, son Brock born 2/7/2005. **Eve Manson**



Otting BA '99 & Matt Otting BA '98, North Liberty Iowa, son Daniel born 5/1/2005.

'00s Kate Kedley Bergmann BA '00 & Troy Bergmann BA '99, Yuma AZ, son Malachy born 10/12/2004. Ryan Castle BA '00 & Allison Castle BA '00, Muscatine Iowa, son Landon born 6/13/2004. Diane Breen Christoph BA '00 & Kurt Christoph BA '00, Ankeny Iowa, daughter Geneva born 8/4/2005. Jill Lerdal Neas BA '00 & Jonathan Neas BA '00, Glidden Iowa, twin sons Joshua & Jackson born 7/1/2004. Candace Messamer Hatch BA '01 & Brian Hatch, Knoxville Iowa, son Mason born 6/27/2005. Shana Wach Rieber BA '01 & Joseph Rieber BA '01, Marion Iowa, daughter Ava born 9/14/2005. Conni Sloth Swart BA '01 & Kory Swart, Mount Vernon Iowa, daughter Laura born 8/24/2004. Vanessa Cook Wunderlich BA '01 MSW '02 & Chad Wunderlich, Sycamore IL, son Lane born 10/26/2004. Stacie Savits York BA '01 & Derek York, Boone Iowa, daughter Hailey born 6/14/2004. Maggie Garaventa Boege BA '02 & Justin Boege, Maxwell Iowa, daughter Marissa born 2/10/2005. Heidi Wagner Pries MA '05 & Matthew Pries, Waverly Iowa, son Owen born 1/27/2004.

Deaths

'20s Maxine Casson Boylan 1-yr '28, Des Moines Iowa, died 10/10/2005. Vinetta Dobson Budolfson 2-yr '28, BA '32, Newton Iowa, died 8/20/2005. Ruth Stinemates Johnson 2-yr '29, Ogden Iowa, died 10/7/2005. Dorothy Dawson Lowell 1-yr '29, 3-yr '29, Fairfield Iowa died 7/18/2005.

'30s Dorothy Axtell Anders 2-yr '30, BS '32, Cedar Falls Iowa, died 6/11/2005. Margaret Barry 2-yr '30, Ames Iowa, died 5/13/2005. Rubye Bradshaw Dowell 2-yr '30, Windsor Heights Iowa, died 8/18/2005. Bertha Cole Harms 2-yr '30, Iowa City Iowa, died 9/1/2005. Catherine Reisinger Lettow 2-yr '30, Iowa Falls Iowa, died 8/24/2005. Waneta Johnson McNabb 2-yr '30, West Des Moines Iowa, died 8/18/2005. Hazel Cook Coffin 2-yr '31 BA '61 Rock Island IL, died 7/20/2005. Segrid Njus Enstad BA '31 Wausau WI, died 6/8/2005. Marshall Kathan 2-yr '31, BA '32, Osage Iowa, died 6/22/2005. Marguerite Auld Lynk 2-yr '31, Green Mountain Iowa, died 7/20/2005. Wanda Sherwood Smith 2-yr '31, Des Moines Iowa, died 9/16/2005. Ethel Hersey Stoppelmoor 2-yr '31, Shell Rock Iowa, died 10/4/2005. Vonny Saltzgiver Bishop 1-yr '32, West Union Iowa, died 10/25/2005. Grace Nordsdtrum Lovett 3-yr '32, Leon Iowa, died 6/30/2005. Leta McMillin BS '32, Spencer Iowa, died 7/21/2005. Helen Nelson 1-yr '32, St Ansgar Iowa, died 10/9/2005. Verna Schlosser Yaggy 1-yr '32, Mason City Iowa, died 5/8/2005. Phyllis Jahde Chinn 1-yr '33, 2-yr '57, Davenport Iowa, died 8/20/2005. Maurine Miller Lown 2-yr '33, BA '37, Iowa Falls Iowa, died 9/17/2005. Helen Wonders Wilken 2-yr '33, Fairmont MN, died 7/20/2005. Gwendolyn Graves Duffy 2-yr '34, Boone Iowa, died 9/29/2005. Lola Royal von Glan 2-yr '34, Lake View Iowa, died 7/21/2005. Marjorie Mangold Cloud 2-yr '35, Atlanta GA, died 8/6/2005. Edith Halverson Wittmer 2-yr '35, Fairmont MN, died 8/16/2005. Gertrude Carper Burrell 2-yr '36, BA '40, Greenback TN, died 10/31/2005. Alice Towe Ihle 1-yr '36, Sheldon Iowa, died 6/19/2005. Helen Andersen Peterson 2-yr '36, Algona Iowa, died



Maucker Memorial Service

Ann Maucker King spoke at a memorial service honoring her father, UNI President James William "Bill" Maucker (1950-1970). Ms. King presented a plaque to the university, accepted by President Robert Koob, commemorating the Alexander Meikeljohn Award for Academic Freedom, which President Maucker received in 1958.

5/31/2005. Dorothy Oleson Ashpole 2-yr '37, Clarion Iowa, died 6/17/2004. Eldred Berkshire BA '38, Wayland Iowa, died 7/27/2005. Alice Smoley Franck 2-yr '38 BA '45, Independence Iowa, died 9/1/2005. Mary Hansen Crawford BA '39, Winfield Iowa, died 6/11/2005. Marian Kennedy 2-yr '39 BA '46, Cedar Rapids Iowa, died 8/9/2005. Clarence Luvaas BS '39, Lees Summit MO, died 1/13/2004. Clara Lounsebury McCann BA '39 Marshalltown Iowa, died 5/14/2005. Catherine Galagan McCauley 2-yr '39 BA '44, Melbourne FL, died 10/11/2005. Dale Dinsmore BA '40, San Diego CA, died 7/29/2005.

'40s Howard Marquardt BA '40, Sumner Iowa, died 9/23/2005. Dale Nebel 2-yr '40, Wayland Iowa, died 6/15/2005. Hugh Roberts BS '40, Mason City Iowa, died 9/13/2005. Marion Stockfleth Birmingham 2-yr '41, Sioux City Iowa, died 9/8/2005. Bettie Blough BA '41, Waterloo Iowa, died 3/30/2005. Joyce Jansonius Church 2-yr '41 BA '59 Tempe AZ, died 9/4/2005. Adelaide Anderson Dykstra BA '41, Everett WA, died 9/7/2005. Gladys Bratland Kading 2-yr '41, Algona Iowa, died 7/5/2005. Ernest Thompson BA '41, Cedar Rapids Iowa, died 3/11/2005. Evelyn Decou Underbakke BA '41, Mabel MN, died 10/10/2005. Hazel Humes Stewart 2-yr '42, Independence Iowa, died 5/28/2005. Mary Guritz Tabor 2-yr '42, Anamosa Iowa, died 10/27/2005. Miriam Lederman Turnbull BA '42, Middleton WI, died 8/23/2005. Maxine Cowles Christensen BA '43, Cedar Falls Iowa, died 10/9/2005. Lois Liechty Jones 1-yr '43 2-yr '50 BA '51, Davis CA, died 5/24/2005. Arlene Alberts Fogde 2-yr '44, Pocahontas Iowa, died 8/2/2005. Leonard Kokesh BA '46, Longmont CO, died 9/3/2005. Virginia Haffa McNabb 2-yr '46, Lancaster PA, died 10/4/2005. Mary Long Wallace 2-yr '46, Wapello Iowa, died 9/27/2005. Arlene Haakinson Carter BA '49, Sloan Iowa, died 7/20/2005. Virginia Marston Douglas BA '49, Cedar Falls Iowa, died 8/22/2005. Jack Hoon BA '49, Glen Ellyn IL, died 7/28/2005. Richard Nauman BA '49, Marshalltown Iowa, died 10/11/2005.

'50s Chastine Hickman Bliss 2-yr '50, Keokuk Iowa, died 7/18/2005. William Burnett BA '50, Bella Vista AR, died 7/22/2005. Marilea Eggleston Christensen 2-yr '50, Osage Iowa, died 6/17/2005. Jerry Ginthner BA '50, Michigan City IN, died 6/23/2005. David Herrmann BA '50, Albuquerque NM, died 5/3/2005. Gilbert Kruse BA '50 MA '65,

Garner Iowa, died 10/19/2005. Dale Mulford BA '50, Grundy Center Iowa, died 9/19/2005. William Baretich BA '51 MA '60, Eagle Grove Iowa, died 10/17/2005. James Bayne BA '51, Fairfax Iowa, died 10/4/2005. Leanne Gleason Sittkamp BA '51, Cedar Rapids Iowa, died 2/13/2004. Eleanor Kading Wimer 2-yr '51, Marion Iowa, died 7/5/2005. Edna Berghofer Kroeger 2-yr '52 BA '62, Belmond Iowa, died 8/20/2005. Bernice Corkery McCrea 2-yr '52, Fairfax Iowa, died 8/13/2005. Aileen Miller BA '52, Webster City Iowa, died 7/22/2005. Shirley Vandenoever Miller 2-yr '52 BA '63, Oelwein Iowa, died 9/20/2005. Barbara Evans Lewis BA '53, Arvada CA, died 10/11/2005. Nancy Hintz Ostroot BA '53, Burnsville MN, died 7/23/2005. Janet Trager McManus BA '54, Seattle WA, died 3/13/2005. Wayne Gerken BA '55, Ottumwa Iowa, died 7/17/2005. Beverly Button Daly 2-yr '56, Marietta GA, died 11/8/2005. Philip Kofron BA '56, Cedar Falls Iowa, died 8/22/2005. Janice Brownell Russell BA '56, Garner NC, died 11/16/2004. Floy Baumgartner Hershberger 2-yr '57, Spirit Lake Iowa, died 5/27/2005. Curtis Noble BA '57 MA '64, Riceville Iowa, died 5/12/2005. George Kelley BA '58, La Porte City Iowa, died 6/24/2005. Marius Kole BA '58, Aplington Iowa, died 9/27/2005. Helen Sachse Mason BA '58, Waterloo Iowa, died 8/4/2005. Arlo Sturgeon BA '58 MA '62, Mojave CA, died 8/15/2005. Lavon Davis Thomson BA '59, Cedar Falls Iowa, died 9/7/2005.

'60s Beverly Richter Brauhn BA '62, Linn Grove Iowa, died 9/18/2005. John Harvey BA '62, Waterloo Iowa, died 6/7/2005. Harlan Bell BA '63, Champion MI, died 8/5/2005. Sterling Nelson BA '63, Des Moines Iowa, died 8/16/2005. Donald Rieck BA '63, Ames Iowa, died 10/15/2005. Susan Morgensen Akerman BA '64, Littleton CO, died 9/2/2005. Leon Fox BA '64, Perry Iowa, died 2/9/2003. Elsa Carlen Brammer BA '65, Cedar Falls Iowa, died 10/15/2005. Betty Dann BA '65 MA '69, Des Moines Iowa, died 10/3/2005. Russell Kleitsch BA '66, Joplin MO, died 5/8/2005. Bruce Eilers BA '67 MA '74 Waterloo Iowa, died 6/12/2005. Ronald Johnson BA '67 MA '74, Janesville Iowa, died 5/26/2005. Arlene Hawke Schrupp BA '67, Sheffield Iowa, died 5/30/2005. Dennis Wadsworth BA '67, Whitewater WI, died 7/20/2005. Jerry Green BA '68, Davenport Iowa, died 7/11/2005. Joleen Ocken Irlbeck BA '68, Savage MN, died 9/19/2005. Ruth Light BA '69, Diorite MI, died 8/2/2005. Patricia Kacmarynski Twait BA '69 MA '71, Ringsted Iowa, died 7/13/2005.

'70s Mark Albaugh BA '70, Ames Iowa, died 5/14/2005. Janan Haugen BA '72, Donnellson Iowa, died 7/7/2005. Donald Rikkels BA '72, Waterloo Iowa, died 8/22/2005. Michael Shanahan BA '72, Cleviston FL, died 10/9/2005. Lee Anderson Voss BA '72 MA '73, Cherokee Iowa, died 7/16/2005. Norman Carlberg BM '73, Jersey City NJ, died 7/9/2005. Gary Hoppes BA '73, Sycamore IL, died 7/11/2005. Mary McLaughlin McCarthy BA '73, Bernard Iowa, died 7/30/2005. Robert Glidden BA '75, Glidden Iowa, died 8/16/2005. Kathryn Swan Anderson BA '76, Cedar Rapids Iowa, died 8/4/2005. Eloyce Farrill Munk BA '77, Sumner Iowa, died 5/25/2005. Bruce Ferreter-Smith BS '78, Phoenix AZ, died 12/9/2004.

'80s Stephen Morrow BA '80, Naples FL, died 10/6/2005. Russell Howe BA '81, San Antonio TX, died 10/6/2005. Daniel Moody BA '81 MA '89, Waterloo Iowa, died 6/10/2005.

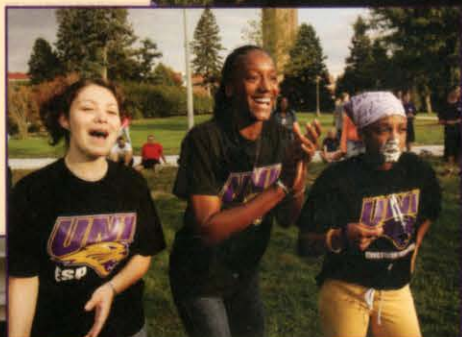


Mary Biller Hull BA '83, Waterloo Iowa, died 7/26/2005.

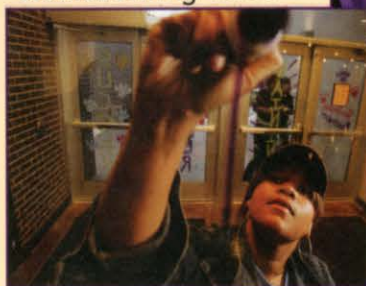
'90s **Karen Leuck Kenkel** BA '90, Omaha NE, died 10/13/2005. **Susan Jensen Cook** BA '92 MA '96, Waterloo Iowa, died 10/9/2005. **Brooke Bixby Kerns** MA '93, Maynard Iowa, died 8/3/2005. **Kristi Palcic Couchman** BA '94, West Des Moines Iowa, died 6/2/2005. **Joan Hopka Hammelman** MA '94, Urbandale Iowa, died 11/7/2005. **Mark Glackin** BA '95, Odebolt Iowa, died 7/14/2005. **Samuel Teetzen** BA '97, Littleton CO, died 11/6/2005.

'00s **Marvin Griep** BA '04, Miami FL, died 5/7/2005.

The UNI Alumni Association Board of Directors gathered to tour the newly renovated Alumni House during a beautiful autumn Homecoming weekend in October.



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OSP 'bringing good work into the world'

by CJ Hines

In 1899, Charles H. Duell, director of the U.S. Patent Office said, "Everything that can be invented has already been invented."

Fortunately for us, no one listened.

In the 20th century alone, technological and scientific discoveries gave us convenience (disposable diapers), safety (traffic signals), enjoyment (cable TV, the Internet, DVD players), knowledge (identification of DNA, Alzheimer's disease and the HIV virus) and health-related advancements (open heart surgery, organ transplants and medicines to combat myriad diseases and illnesses).

The 21st century looks as though people will continue to push the boundaries of knowledge and imagination. Right here at UNI, brilliant minds are engaged in research projects ranging from ergonomics to prosthetic devices, educational tools, pollution reduction and cancer research.

Finding resources or grant money to conduct research can be challenging. Now, through an initiative endorsed by President Robert Koob, a system has been created to provide a comprehensive, collaborative and integrated approach to sponsored programs.

"Because of the need for more on-campus jobs, I urged faculty and staff to seek more grant funding. To support that effort UNI created the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP)," said Koob. "At the same time, to pave a way for those who may be seeking patents that eventually may also lead to business or other ventures that could bring income, we created within that office the Office of Intellectual Properties."

Jill Trainer, interim associate vice president, heads the OSP, which will support all stages of grant management, as well as convey UNI's policies on scholarly responsibilities and protection of human and animal subjects. Through its Office of Intellectual Properties, the OSP will provide information on intellectual properties protection and guide people in the use of copyrighted material.

"The office includes grant funding, research policies and intellectual property, all of which previously were Graduate College functions," Trainer said. "We're going to increase the pre-award



Christina Sales, instructor for UNI's Center for Early Developmental Education; and Jeffery Sales, instructor, director and parent coordinator for the center, demonstrate a Ramps and Pathways activity at the Creative Endeavors conference in October.

support, matching people with grant opportunities and helping grant writers find collaborators."

The Office of Intellectual Properties can also help secure legal protection and develop strategies to bring intellectual properties to the marketplace.

"We're trying to get more support so people can do more research and discover opportunities to turn them into something useful. We'll help people who are doing interesting work to bring that work forward, find partners and help people steer through all the legalese. It's about bringing good work into the world," said Bill Witt, Intellectual Properties officer and former state legislator. "When I came back full time to the university I was asked to help set up a better system of supports for research."

One of those support areas was the formation of the University Intellectual Property Committee, which includes Witt and four others, with Trainer overseeing the committee.

"We have people representing trademarks, copyrights, patents and two additional faculty to assist us," Witt said. "A number of faculty and staff have obtained patents on their research. Some of it has been marketed and licensed, some of it hasn't. It's something we've been working toward for a couple of years."

Cliff Chancey, Physics Department head, and Nancy Hamilton, Health, Physical Education and Leisure Services professor, are collaborating with Clark & Associates Prosthetics and Orthotics on an augmented sock that will reduce the pressure between prosthetic and limb.

"The Office of Sponsored Programs has made it easier to file intellectual property forms," Chancey said. "It's the general benefit of one-stop shopping. People don't have to ask 'Is it something the Intellectual Properties committee should handle or is it the Grants office?' Having one office that oversees both makes it easier to encourage faculty and students to run with research ideas."

Witt is currently working with staff of the Regents' Center for Early Developmental Education, headed by Director Rheta DeVries, on a project studying construction activities in which children at the Freeburg Early Childhood Program participated.

"Constructivist education appeals to children's interests, engages them in experimentation with phenomena of the physical world and fosters cooperation," said DeVries. "We've created a DVD titled *Ramps and Pathways* for teachers, curriculum directors and administrators that focuses on a physics activity involving inclines and marbles. Examples are drawn from video observations of ramp activities in classrooms for children 3-years-old through first grade."

Witt is conducting a nationwide study to assess the marketability, value, pricing and other elements of *Ramps and Pathways*.

"If it shows promise, we'll help the Freeburg faculty draw up and implement a business plan, acquire working capital and whatever else they need," Witt said. "Overall we're looking at how we can be more supportive and productive. From that follows the question, if we have more people doing sponsored research, are there more things that can come out of it? That's what we're looking into."

For more information about intellectual properties, grants or the Office of Sponsored Programs, call 319-273-3217 or go to www.uni.edu/osp.

Kothari Gift Connects Sports Complex



Tejus Kothari delivered a moving address prior to announcement of the Dr. Jitu D. Kothari Meritorious Service Award at the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet in October.

Fame Banquet in October.



UNI Athletics Director Rick Hartzell and the family of Dr. Jitu D. Kothari display the award given annually in honor of the orthopedic surgeon who served UNI Athletics for more than two decades.

In August 2005, the University of Northern Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame Meritorious Service Award was renamed the Dr. Jitu D. Kothari Meritorious Service Award. The prestigious award honors individuals who offer extraordinary service and dedication in support of UNI athletics.

That connection has been strengthened with a \$500,000 gift from the family of Dr. Kothari, who served as the Panther football team's orthopedic surgeon from 1981 until his death in 2003.

As a tribute from Dr. Kothari's family, the Kothari Concourse is to be a permanent reminder of his dedication to UNI. The Kothari Concourse will connect the new McLeod Center and the UNI Dome, making the two facilities the largest sports complex in the area. The Kothari Concourse will house the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame, showcasing the versatile talents of UNI's winning athletes.

"We feel deeply connected to UNI and its athletics," said Dr. Kothari's widow, Harshida. "We are honored by his legacy of generosity and dedication and are very proud of his commitment to the Waterloo-Cedar Falls community. We are excited to continue his goodwill with this gift to the UNI athletic programs. While he devoted so much of his time and effort to the UNI sports programs, it was so much more than that to him. He truly enjoyed all his interactions with the UNI athletes and always spoke fondly of them. We know he would be very pleased with his family's continued support of the Panther athletic programs."

Dr. Jitu and Harshida Kothari have three adult children, Neelay, Neerali and Tejus, who all took part in the 2005 UNI Athletics Hall of Fame activities during Homecoming weekend.

This year's recipient of the Dr. Jitu D. Kothari Meritorious Service Award is Sandra Williamson, who played a leading role in UNI women's athletics for 26 years and retired in 2004 as associate athletics director for administration and students.

Hall of Excellence

Flanked by the founders of the Elinor A. Crawford and William R. Thrall Hall of Excellence, 2005 inductee Patricia Geadelmann '70 enjoys a moment at this year's induction ceremony that preceded the unveiling of the new Hall located in the Wellness Recreation Center.



More Dome Magic!

With the air in the UNI-Dome still electric from the Panther football team's comeback wins over Southern Illinois and Eastern Washington, Mac's Maniacs kicked it up a notch as the UNI men's basketball team beat the Iowa Hawkeyes in overtime, 67-63.

(above) Former Panther (now Kansas City Chief) Benny Sapp made it to the Dome for the UNI-Iowa basketball game and joined Panther radio play-by-play man Gary Rima for a chat at halftime.

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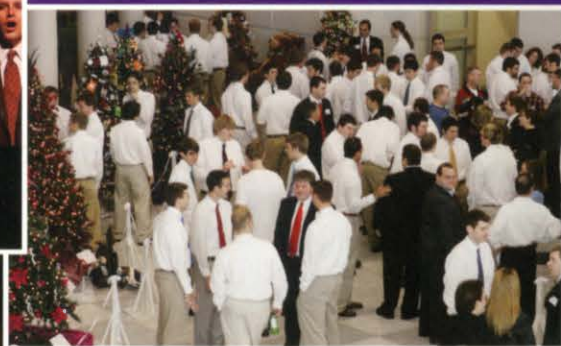
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